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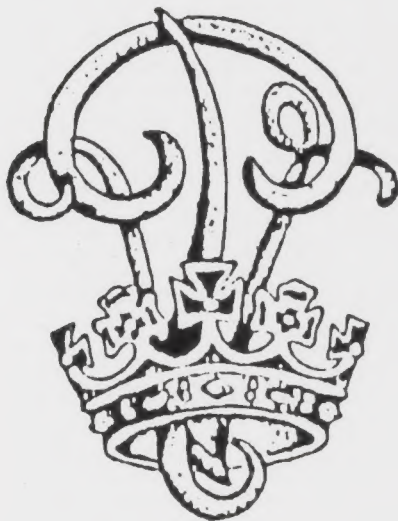
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Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CD, JP, DL

Message from the Colonel-In-Chief

The Year 1990 was one which brought with it a change-over of Colonels-of-the-Regiment from Brigadier-General R.S. Graham, CD to Major-General H.C. Pitts, MC, CD. This is always a momentous event in Regimental history, when the time comes to change the very important "father figure" who has such far-reaching influence on all Regimental matters.

In my sixteen years as Colonel-in-Chief I have been privileged to work very closely with all four of our Colonels-of-the-Regiment since our Founder, Brigadier-General Hamilton Gault. I know them to be remarkable 'Patricias', totally dedicated to the well-being of our Regiment, with their high sense of duty and the wisdom of wide experience.

I would like to pay a special tribute to General Graham for the way he overcame a very severe illness during his appointment and was able to resume his duties eventually against all the odds. A remarkable display of courage and determination which we all greatly admired. We are especially indebted to him for this, and the leadership and example he gave us. I do want also to thank his wife, Betty, for the tremendous support she has been to him and for her help in contacts with the Regiment, which has been much appreciated.

To our new Colonel-of-the-Regiment, Major-General Pitts, we extend a very warm welcome and we know that he will in every way uphold the very high standards set by his predecessors.

The year 1990 was also the 75th Anniversary of the raising of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, our Fourth Battalion. I was so pleased to be able to attend the excellent and varied events arranged for this important celebration, and was very impressed by them all, and the high standards achieved. It is good to know that we all form part of the same Regiment, of which I am very proud to be Colonel-in-Chief.

Colonel-of-the-Regiment

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry



Major-General H.C. Pitts, MC, CD

Message from Colonel of the Regiment

This will be my first opportunity to greet all Patricias, serving and retired, through the "PATRICIAN" and it gives great pleasure to send all of you Best Wishes.

Since I succeeded Brigadier General Stu Graham as your Colonel in October of 1990, much has happened in the international field. Canada is once again, in early 1991, a member of the United Nations Coalition against aggression in the Persian Gulf. It was often said that another Korean War would not take place. Yet again we find ourselves engaged in an effort, like Korea, to turn back an aggressor from the territory taken from a neighbor. As a Regiment, we are not yet involved but that does not mean that during the course of operations, or its aftermath, we will not be committed.

As ever the Patricias stand ready to answer any call - in peace or in war. Our world is not the stable place we hoped it would be in the heady days of late 1989 and 1990. Nationally and internationally tensions are being felt and fostered which will demand the highest possible professional response from Canada's soldiers. We are peacemakers and peacekeepers and our skills and confidence will be much in demand. The future will be full of challenges as various scenarios unfold but in them will be opportunities.

My few visits so far to various components of the Regiment confirm that our country's trust is well-placed in those of you now carrying our Colours. We, who have travelled through our careers in the Service and now watch the serving soldiers, know that you will acquit yourselves well - to the credit of your country, your Regiment and yourselves. You have our support and our admiration.

Best regards to all of you in the future.

I look forward to greeting you personally in the years ahead.

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Message from the National President

It is fitting that I begin by expressing the Association's feeling of loss in the sudden death, in September, in the second year of office, of our President Leslie Basham. A man of terrific energies and a forceful desire to see that all was right and progressive in the affairs of, not only the Association, but of the Regiment as a whole. Colonel Basham had an exemplary army career from cadet to Chief of Staff of Pacific Command which included that of Director of Infantry and Command of 1 PPCLI.

It was natural for all of us to feel a little counter reaction after the events of our 75th Anniversary. I believe nevertheless, the Association pulled off a most successful and enjoyable Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg at Kapyong Barracks. Hosted by the Manitoba and NW Ontario Branch the gathering of delegates, visitors and Branch members showed that Patricias as always can put on a good show. I would like at this time, to express our special appreciation for the support given by 2 PPCLI to the success of our AGM, and in particular to Major Eckley and MWO Ogilvie, and the cooperation of the 2 PPCLI WO's and Sgt's Mess. All was done in Patricia style.

Nineteen ninety saw too the completion and dedication by the Colonel in Chief, of the Regiment's Hall of Honour within the Museum. This was entirely an Association project. Conceived and carried to completion by one person, Rod Middleton (President 1984-89). He designed, raised the money and oversaw the completion of the project. The Association thanks all ranks of the serving Regiment for their generous contributions to the project. I believe you will be proud of what has been achieved, and I sincerely hope that all members of the Regiment will have an opportunity at some time, to stand in this place of remembrance to those Patricias who fell contributing to the prowess of the Regiment.

I have a final message, and this concerns the continuance of the Association. It rests not with the present membership, but with the "active serving" members. The future of the Association is in the hands of those who now serve with the colours. One aim of the Association is to preserve the comradeship and clan of being a Patricia. Do not, however, look upon it as just an "old comrades" association. The Association's mission is a membership that continues to serve the Regiment, and we rely upon all Patricias for the Association's future.

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3 PPCLI

THE HAMILTON GAULT SKILL AT ARMS TROPHY
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Major D.J. Pentney, CD -
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- b. his sash on promotion to the rank of Sergeant; and
- c. a Regimental Gift-

- (1) for all Patricians on honourable retirement or remuster with less than nine years of service and having completed his Basic engagement, a Regimental Certificate of Service. (Units to action)
- (2) for all Patricians on honourable retirement, remuster or release form and inclusive nine to nineteen years of service his choice of a 4 1/2' pewter statuette of a 'Modern Day PPCLI Soldier', 'PPCLI Drummer Boy', 'WW1 Soldier' or 'WW2 Soldier' suitably engraved and a Regimental Certificate of Service, (RHQ to action), and
- (3) for all Patricians on honourable retirement or release from and inclusive twenty or more years of service, a 6 1/2' pewter figurine of a WW1 Soldier mounted on a Walnut base, suitably engraved, and a Certificate of Service. (RHQ to action)

Paid up members are eligible for Regimental Achievement Awards for individual accomplishments within those categories described in Chapter 7 of the Regimental Manual.

Units of the Regiment process and action sub-paragraph c(1) above. In order that RHQ might action sub-paragraphs c(2) and c(3) it is imperative that units and Regimental Representatives advise RHQ of Patricians retiring particulars i.e., name, rank, initials, decorations, enrolment date, retirement/release/remuster date, and address on retirement/release/remuster.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

1990



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CAPTAIN (RUDY) RAIDT, MMM, CD

REGIMENTAL ADJUTANT RETIRES

Captain R. Raidt will retire from the Canadian Armed Forces in September, 1991, after a long and august career of service to the PPCLI. Captain Raidt joined the Regiment as a Private Recruit in Edmonton, Alberta in June 1959. Upon completion of basic training he was posted to Delta Coy, 2nd Battalion which was, at that time, located in Edmonton. He was then posted to Germany where he was promoted to Cpl in Oct 1966 and to Sgt in April 1970. Upon his return to Canada, more specifically the 2nd Battalion in Winnipeg he held various jobs in the Unit from PI Sgt to PI Comd until 1973 when he was promoted to Warrant Officer and employed as CQMS. He was commissioned to the rank of Lt. in 1975, posted to Edmonton as Area Cadet Officer and subsequently to Winnipeg, Manitoba as Adjutant of the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada. In 1978 he was promoted to Captain and in 1980 was posted back to the 2nd battalion as 2IC of C Coy and Combat Support Company. In July of 1982 he was posted to PPCLI Regimental Headquarters in Calgary, Alberta, where he began his "career" as Regimental Adjutant.

As the Regimental Adjutant, he proved to be the right man for this demanding job. Indeed, a better man could not have been chosen for this multi-faceted position. Captain Raidt's tireless and persistent commitment to the job at hand has been evident through the years. Concern for and dedication to the Regiment has always been first and foremost on his agenda.

One would be hard-pressed to enumerate all of Captain Raidt's accomplishments. The maintenance, accounting and operation of the Regimental and Association funds and accounts was but one of the challenges he faced in his nine-year tenure as Regimental Adjutant. One day saw him as Curator of the Regimental Museum, the next as Secretary of the PPCLI Association or aide-de-camp to the Colonel of the Regiment. He became the "corporate memory" of the Regiment.

In addition to his Regimental duties, he was involved in the civilian community. He is a prominent member of the Alberta Museum Association and plans to continue his activities in this domain after retirement.

In June, 1986, Captain Raidt's hard work and unstinting dedication were officially recognized and he was invested as a member of the Order of Military Merit - a fitting tribute to his professionalism.

Captain Raidt is retiring in September, 1991, after 32 years of distinguished service. We take this opportunity to wish Rudy and his wife Marlene all the best and happiness upon retirement.

A Mess Loaded With "Spirits"!

Text by Lt Jean Morissette

Photos by Ed Dixon



Plaque that can be seen on the 3 PPCLI Officers'



Bronze plaque dedicated to the Royal Canadian Artillery who built the Mess in 1892.

(Acknowledgment to LCol (Retired) Doug Nelson and Cmd (Retired) Peter Gardner who contributed greatly to the production of this article.)

Like it or not everyone has an inner fear of the unknown. Even the most sceptical are unwilling to spend a night alone in a place which has the reputation of being haunted.

I know very well that what you are about to read will be considered by some of you as a big joke, nonsensical. But for others, when they are talking about the Officers' Mess at Work Point Barracks in Esquimalt, British Columbia, they are as serious as

they can be. Their eyes become big and round as they recall events surrounding these quarters. Jeering comments while they are relating their experiences, or those of others, are not welcome.

The point is that according to many officers, mainly from those who used to belong or still belong to the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (3 PPCLI), their Mess is haunted. Many have had strange experiences which cannot be fully explained.

Is it true fact, folklore, or spirits? This article will not tell you, but one thing is sure; after reading it, you will ask yourself if you would like to spend a night (I rather doubt you will be able to sleep) in this building.

A Brief History of the Building

This two-storey building was built in 1892 for the members of "C" Battery of the Royal Canadian Artillery. Many units have rotated through there and, in 1970, 3 PPCLI took possession of the building.

For many years, the end of the building closest to the water was occupied by the Commanding Officer and his family. Today, those quarters are being used as single officers quarters. It is in this area of the building where most of the weird phenomena are supposed to have taken place. According to the majority of people who have been in this Mess, the walls and ceiling constantly creak and make a variety of noises.

Another interesting point about this edifice which is, by the way, officially called Work Point Barracks Officers' Mess. For those interested a little history, prior to 1977 this building was named the George R. Pearkes Building which is, incidentally, the same name as that of our National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.

Events That Have Taken Place

Many strange events have taken place over the years in this particular Mess. Occasionally, some of the living-in members have seen objects moving or have found electrical appliances switched on or off during their absence, or a green smoke coming out of the heating pipes.

Perhaps the most common phenomenon, according to many people, has been the balls on the pool table moving by themselves when absolutely no one was around. Also, many officers have left their room for a short period of time with lights, radio, TV turned off. But when they returned, they were all turned on. Weird, wouldn't you say?

After witnessing such an experience, a resident Captain decided to make sure it was no a joke. He searched around his room, convinced somebody was just trying to make fun of him. His conclusion: "Nobody was around, or could have opened my door, so it was impossible for me to explain how it happened!"

But others have had scarier experiences. One of them is Commander (Retired) Peter Gardner, who lived with his family in the East end of the building for a little more than three years (1977-80).

"Before I moved into that building, I had heard about the ghost rumours, but I didn't pay too much attention, maybe because I thought it was only a joke...", this is how everything started for this former member of the Canadian Forces, who quickly realized that there must be some substance to the rumours.

A few months after he and his family had settled in, his mother-in-law, who is psychic, came to visit the family. "As soon as she arrived at our home, she told us there was something mysterious about our house, an inexplicable presence inside. Because of her fear, for the entire time she spent with us, she never used the main hall." With a smile, he added that she even preferred to use the front door to go to the backyard, in order to avoid the hallway.

"Myself, I was a little nervous. For example, at night time if I had to go to, or pass through, the dining room I always turned the lights on...just to be on the safe side. It may sound weird to say that, but my wife and I could feel that the "presence" was a sympathetic one."

On many occasions this family experienced mysterious occurrences: A few times they saw the spectre of a young boy running in the TV room; on three different occasions, each separated by a year, in the middle of the night, he smelled a fire. Each time they woke up their children and the other people in the mess, but each time there was no fire.

Perhaps the most intriguing event that took place in the Gardner's house happened in November 1979, when Anne, his wife, saw in the middle of the night an old man wearing a high-necked blue tunic talking to a young boy, dressed in a night shirt. "I can't believe it, she told me she was not even scared, she simply made sure she wasn't dreaming, and she fell asleep again. How she did that, I don't know, but for sure she is better than I am," said the retired officer.

Another officer experienced incredible moments in that same part of the building. He is a former member of 3 PPCLI, who stayed many years in the building and who prefers to keep his anonymity, for obvious reasons. According to him, the Officers' Mess is truly haunted. His conviction is based on his own experiences with the supernatural. One night, he awakened to see an apparition of two ghosts. For over 15 minutes, he watched the ghosts standing at the end of his bed, and they seemed to be in deep conversation. Here is what happened.

"During the evening of the 8 or 9 November 1982, the officers and the non-commissioned officers of the Battalion had to attend a social meeting, in the Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess. Around 2130 hours, after I had only one beer, so believe me, I was not under the influence of alcohol", he said with insistence, "I decided to return to my room which was located on the second floor, at the east end of the mess." (Which is the same one where Mrs. Gardner experienced her incredible manifestation).

"I made a quick phone call to my parents, and soon after went to bed and fell asleep almost immediately." After a small pause, his tone changed as he continued: "Around 0315 or 0415 hours, I suddenly woke up...Something weird that I couldn't explain at that time was happening. Somebody was in my room", he said with all seriousness in the world. "First, I thought I was the victim of a good joke by my comrades, but that was not the case. I then realized that these people were all dressed in white. So I thought it was two men from Construction Engineering. But at this time of the night...?"

As I said previously, my room was located on the second floor, so I never use my curtains, therefore, it was relatively bright in the room." At this stage of the discussion his voice level changed, and with emphasis he continued. "After a little while I was fully awake, and I saw a man behind my sofa who was talking, but I couldn't hear anything. He was wearing an old military uniform similar to the one presently worn at our military colleges (which is also a high-neck tunic). The ghost was all the same colour, white, almost transparent in some spots and opaque in others," he said. "I could only see half of his body. But I am sure that he was relatively tall."

I was struck dead in my bed. All the stories that I had heard about those ghosts in that specific area of the Mess, and that I had laughed about,

happened to be true. The proof was right in front of me!" He mentioned with emotion.

"I then turned my head slightly and saw the person the ghost was talking to. It was a little boy, about ten years old. He was wearing a night shirt.

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I carefully looked all around, my room was in order, I really was in my own place. After about 15 minutes, I decided to get out of bed. While I was walking toward the light switch, the ghosts continued to talk, as if nothing was bothering them. But as soon as I turned the lights on, that was it. No more ghosts!

I went to see my neighbours to check if they had seen anything...No, I was the only one...

"The following nights I hardly slept, and I kept my lights on. After a couple of weeks I asked for another room, not so much because I was scared, contrary to what my friends at the time believed, but because I wanted a bigger one; where, by the way, nothing ever happened."

Today, when this officer recalls this incredible event, one thing bothers him: that the idea to attempt to communicate with those spirits did not come to his mind.

After hearing about the experience of the above officer, which had taken place in November 1982, Lieutenant-Colonel Don Brodie, Deputy Commander of the Canadian Forces Base Calgary, who was then the Deputy Commander of 3 PPCLI, became curious. He started to collect data on the numerous events which were said to have taken place. He also tried to pinpoint the exact date of each event, this is why in November 1983 he was ready to encounter anything. "Exactly one year plus one day later, none of the officers living in that mess were able to fall asleep. They felt there was a disquieting presence during the night", he said with seriousness.

Two very weird coincidences, don't you think? The exact same ghosts, wearing the exact same dress, even if each apparition was separated by many years, and both happened in the same room, weird, very weird!!! So is that mysterious night when nobody could fall in the arms of Morpheus!!!

Possible Explanations

A few explanations can be used to solve partly some of those mysterious phenomena, but many are still unsolved. Of course, the easiest explana-

tion would be to say that everything is a tradition passed among the Regiments that have been located there. But all the victims are strongly maintaining the opposite...

The billiard balls moving by themselves on the pool table could be explained by the frequent earthquakes that British Columbia experiences, but how about those balls that are rolling very fast...

In one publication released on the history of the base it is stated at a certain point, while commenting on the fact that there are ghosts in the Officers' Mess: "A check into company records found that an old man had committed suicide and a young boy had also been killed. They had resided in the room."

According to LCol (Retired) Doug Nelson, CFB Esquimalt historian, "in digging in the units' records we find that some members of that Officers' Mess committed suicide or were killed during the last 100 years. One of the most recent suicides happened in the early 1960's. Also, one American in uniform even committed suicide, with a gun, in front of the building. In 1947," he continued, "the two year old son of an Artillery Officer, who's family lived in the east end of the Mess, was struck down by a delivery truck and killed just beside the building."

The possibility that this child (or another that I haven't been able to track) as well as one of the adults who committed suicide or were killed could be the actual ghosts who are "frightening" the occupants of the Mess is very possible. Especially since ghosts, by definition, are the spectres of dead persons appearing to the living!!!

If the only point that is bugging you is the fact that the adult ghost is wearing a high-neck uniform, then you should know that both the British and Canadian Armies, prior to 1970, used to wear a similarly styled patrol dress, commonly called "blues."

The ever increasing evidence surrounding these events, serves to enhance the beliefs of the existence of the supernatural. There will always be the "doubting Thomas," but for myself and many others, there exists a definite uncertainty in our minds. Are these incidents a result of the supernatural? Folklore? Coincidence?

Now, you know all the facts about this Officers' Mess and with your previous knowledge of spirits, you should now be able to make your own judgement on whether it is true or false.

Patricias at World Military Basketball Championships

In August and September 1990, Canada fielded for the first time ever, a team in the World Military Basketball Championships (CISM). Held in Dijon, France, fifteen teams from as far away as China, Korea, Nigeria and Tanzania participated in the tournament. The Canadian team was drawn from the entire Canadian Forces, all regions, both regular and reserve. Appropriately, a full one third of the twelve man team were serving Patricias - a feat made doubly impressive by the fact that no other unit or base provided more than a single player. Also noteworthy, neither of the "other" regiments provided membership to the team.

Patricia players in the tournament were MCpl Rob Pumphrey, Cpl Patterson Bruney and Pte Gord Schmidt of the Third Battalion, as well as team captain, Capt Mike Minicola, presently on exchange duties with 2 R22eR in the Citadel. This quartet accounted for better than 50% of the team's points, and 60% of the team's rebounds during the six games played.

Ultimately, the team finished with a record of two wins and four losses and an overall placing of 13th of 15. Due to a somewhat dubious tournament structuring, our final placing was deceptively low, teams with lesser records finishing higher, however it was unanimously agreed that for Canada's first participation ever in a tournament fielding numerous professionals and Olympians, it was an impressive showing. By upping Patricia participation to 75%, coaches are optimistic that next year the Canadian team will finish in the medals.

Former members of the Regiment continue to distinguish themselves. On 23 November 1990, Mr. Tom Eagle was appointed Citizenship Judge for the Northwest Territories, Court of Canadian Citizenship. Those who were serving in the Regiment prior to the mid-seventies will remember Tom as a sergeant.



At Opening Ceremonies, Dijon, France. L to R - Capt M. Minicola, MCpl R. Pumphrey, Cpl Patterson Bruney, Pte G. Schmidt.

RESEARCH OF THE POEM

RIC A DAM DOO

By WO G.F. Collins

For the past seventy some odd years the words Ric A Dam Doo have been one of the most regimentally used, yet least understood phrases in our vocabulary.

It is the intention of the Regimental Museum to offer yet one more twist to the story, but in doing so I also intend to continue in my search to find conclusive evidence to finally lay this subject to rest.

We will give a brief history as how I believe the evolution of the poem began. It is important therefore to realize that this is merely a theory based on existing documentation.

IN THE BEGINNING

Prior to the Regiment leaving for England it was given a camp colour that had been hand-made by Princess Patricia of Connaught. During the period of 1914-1915 there was no historical information that the colour was being called the Ric A Dam Doo. However in 1916 this was to change.

In the diary of Captain McFarlane there is a poem written in the first days of June 1916, it was called the "Rig A Dam Do." This poem is the first written version known to exist however we are convinced that the author was not McFarlane himself but he was as far as we can determine, the first to copy it down.

It has been the view for many years that the phrase Ric A Dam Doo was of Gaelic origin. We, at the Museum tend to agree with that sentiment as a great many of the originals were of Scottish descent. The following is what I think may have given birth to that phrase:

A Scottish member of the Regiment for some reason nicknamed the colours. It is our belief that the phrase caught on but before many others were to know its meaning the originator was killed or wounded and shipped home. This we think, is the reason why the meaning for the phrase has been lost.

Shortly after the term was used and accepted by the men a poem was written (version one). The key to dating this poem is found in verse 5,6 and 7. Verse five mentions "company number four" and verse six mentions the words "Oh Donald is our Major dear," verse seven gives the Col as "H.C.B." In June of 1916 Captain Donald Gray was given

the temporary rank of Major and was in command of Number Four Company. The commanding officer at the time was Col H.C. Buller, old "H.C.B. our Colonel grand."

What now remains to be seen is how the phrase got changed from Rig A Dam Do to Ric A Dam Doo. Probably the best way to explain this is to say that someone heard the poem then wrote his own versions of Rig, Ric, Rik, Rick. If you say the word Rig in your best Scottish tongue you will find that it comes out as Ric. So in conclusion I believe that the original Phrase was in fact Rig A Dam Do and we will give further evidence on this shortly.

Other versions of the poem can be dated by the line about "the Colonel Grand Ackity-Ack Agar Adamson." "Charles S. Col Steward" and in latter versions the added verses that comply with our history.

It is also important to note that the poem was never really accepted in the early years because of its talk of officers and in its salacious verses that were sacrilegious when spoken in the same breath of the colours.

In time the verses were cleaned up even the point that the media would refer to the colour as the Ric A Dam Doo. It seemed destined to be with us forever. So what does it stand for? Well, we can find no answer for Ric A Dam Doo but the Gaelic dictionary gives us these "slang" words for the original version

Rig A Dam Doo

Meaning

Uidheamaich A' Mathair Gnathaich

The literal translation is:

Regimental - uniform of the Mother Cross
-Dress of thy sign
-cloth his cypher

or in acomprehensible manner

Regimental Cloth of thy Mothers Cypher.

I humbly deduct from this, that the cloth is the colour made by the Mother of the Regiment, Lady Patricia and that the cross or "sign" stands for her initials or cypher that are sewn in the center of the colour.

DONATIONS TO THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

PPCLI Regiment:: Cap soft WW1 replica

Unknown: Boot, puttees, Cdn A, wrappings leg
Cdn A, jacket, service, O.R., Pants, field, WW1
replica, cap badge university

Capt R.J. Herringshaw: gloves, leather, beret,
green, Forge cap, khaki

Mrs. W. Jordan: Certificate, certificate, photo,
porcelain box, cap badge, shoulder titles, rosary,
brooch, medal 1914, mini British war medal, mini
medal Victor, medal D.C.M., medal 1914-15 Star,
medal British War, Victory Medal, The Medaille
Medal, personal papers.

Mrs. O.L. Howes: Cigar case, scroll, medal 1939-
45 Star, medal the African Star, medal the Italy
Star, medal the Defence Medal, medal C.V.S.M.,
medal 1939-45 War Medal

R.L. Yorath: Medal the 1914-18 War Medal,
Victory Medal, 1914-15 Star, cap badge, Victory
Medal, War Medal

Roy Weir: Steel projectile, flag, books

Mrs. E.M. Rieger: Shovel

Florence M. White: War Medal, the Victory Medal

R. Warring: Telescope

D. Lewis: Miniature medals

LCol H.F. Elliott: Silver fruit basket (2)

Pat Lanigan: Truck, 3/4 ton, Dodge

Ann Fleming: Training rifle

Doug Brooker: Mine detector

Milton O. Calverley: Walking stick

LCol P.D. Montgomery: Pennant

John Rohac: Photo (2), bayonet, bugle

Dennis Coyne: Table cloth

Norman L. McCowan: Beret, Hat badge (3)

Pte J.E. McCheane: Shaving kit roll, straight razor
(2), shaving strap, razor

Eric J. Wells: Flag

James B. McCoo: Book

WO G. Collins: Photos

Cpl J. Hodge: Books

Derek K. Trachsel: Pistol

3 PPCLI: Pistol (2)

Sgt T. Seggie: Medallion

2 PPCLI: Medal (18), photograph

S.C. Currie: Mine detector #4A

Jim M. Sibley: Ski crest, ski pin, Mother's medal,
wooden gas alarm

LCol Kerfoot's Estate: Forge cap, boots, cape, foot
locker, hat badge (2), gloves, whistle

Robert Maybury: Books

Gladys Dugray: Forage cap, tunic (2), trousers (2),
shirt, suspenders, archival material

James Hall: Picture

Gerald Lateuxesse: Sleeping bag, camp cot

W.E. Eveleigh: Dagger, hat block

Col W.B.S. Sutherland: Painting

L.A. White: Shirt

Don Yager: Pistol

Exercise Nordic Warrior

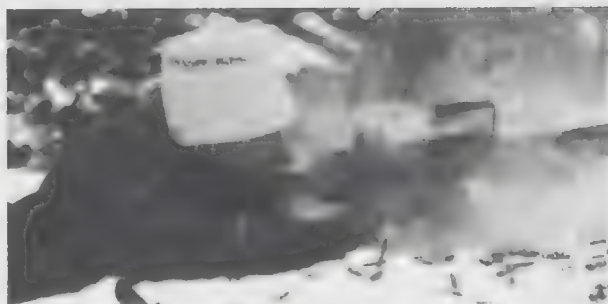
Exercise Nordic Warrior was conducted from 4-18 January 1990 in a remote area of British Columbia known as the Chilcotin. The exercise was used as a test exercise for our upcoming AMF(L) exercise in North Norway; and in many ways it was a lot tougher than the exercise in Norway. The exercise was primarily dismounted as most of our AMF equipment is pre-positioned in Norway. However, C Company, Key Company (meaning that they drove AVGPs), Administration Company (mostly wheeled vehicles) and Battalion Headquarters (using the driver training BV206 and signals vehicles) were configured as they would be for Norway. We spent many hours in the traces and became very familiar with the setting up and the tearing down of tents as we were always on the move. During this exercise we also became very familiar with the building of snow defences and the use of military skis as the conditions were ideal for them. Helicopter support was great as the two dismounted companies were both given the opportunity to conduct airmobile operations. At the end of the exercise the battalion was more than ready to take on the threat in North Norway.



Maj H.H. Michitsch and Maj M.J. Goodspeed discuss the exercise with local R.C.M.P.



I love the smell of victory. (Sgt S.D. Exner)



Pte K.M. Radloff blows off a little steam!



WO F.D. Macneil, MCpl A.S. Marsh and Lt R.A. MacIntosh look over the objective.

Ex Strong Contender 90

Coming midway between two major exercises (Nordic Warrior and Array Encounter), getting the Battalion together for Strong Contender was a challenge indeed.

Although tremendous effort was made by all teams, bad luck and a very strong opposition dictated that no trophies were brought home this time. Although 1 PPCLI was a hair away from winning the major unit hockey championship, the Third Battalion triumphed overall. Close finishes were also recorded in broomball, volleyball and floor hockey. Well, maybe next year!

Strong Contender is an important exercise in that inter-unit rivalry is fostered, reinforcing pride in one's own organization. This aim was achieved and the First Battalion has every reason to be proud. Our Norway commitment and the training involved in preparation precluded any sports training until literally the last minute. Nevertheless, the effort put in ensured a respectable standing.



A scramble for the puck in front of the 1 VP goalie.



WO Roy Comeau watches as the action continues down the ice.

Ex Array Encounter

In February 1990 the 1 PPCLI Battle Group deployed to Northern Norway on Ex Array Encounter. The exercise was a practice deployment for the AMF(L) (Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land)).

Units from the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway and Canada participated in this exercise.

The exercise took place in 3 phases. Phase 1, the deterrence and employment phase, saw C Company leave on the first chalk and deploy to an area close to the threat near the Finnish border. There, they carried out deterrent patrolling in their Grizzlies as well as public relations with the local population. The remainder of the Battle Group deployed to Norway and competed in the NATO Challenge Cup Ski Competition (placing a respectable 3rd overall).

Phase 2, the combat phase, was conducted from 18-23 February and involved the main defensive stage, the withdrawal, and finally the counter attack until the entire threat (2 RRF and Force Recce) was destroyed.

The last phase, Redeployment, commenced on 24 February for many. Some, however, remained a few extra days until aircraft became available. All members of the Canadian Contingent who participated in Ex Array Encounter returned to Canada full of new knowledge and memories.



MCpl Wallace T.J., Pte Theal K.A. and MCpl Burke P.E. look over the Norwegian countryside.



Cpl J.D.C. Margheriti, Cpl P.A. Hird, and Sgt D.W. Chandler conducting an equipment display.



Pte B.D. MacKenzie shares his knowledge of the C9 LMG with the Canadian Ambassador to Norway, Mr. R.H. Graham Mitchell.



The Battery Commander, Maj Beare and Mortar Platoon Commander, Lt Shorten discuss a fire plan.

Regimental Day

As it is every year, 1 PPCLI celebrated Regimental Day on 17 March. Activities included Regimental Mess Dinners, moose milk and, of course, Broomiloo. Combat Support Company won the company Broomiloo tournament beating Charlie Company in a hard-fought battle. The officers were not as lucky losing the Broomiloo Classic to the Senior NCO's. The officers would most certainly have won had most of them not been tasked away. All in all, Regimental Day was enjoyed by all and many gallons of moose milk were consumed.



Obviously a zebra wandered onto the field during the Broomiloo game between B Coy and A Coy.

Battalion Ski School

During the months of March and April the battalion conducted a ski school with the aim of improving the cross country and downhill skiing abilities of battalion personnel so that they could better perform their AMF(L) role. The ski school was conducted in Vernon, B.C. on the sunny slopes of the Silver Star Ski Resort. The school was run over three six day cycles, and the weather was just about perfect. In fact, only the last cycle encountered weather difficulties in that the weather was almost too balmy. The ski training itself consisted of four days of cross-country training and two days of downhill skiing. The two days downhill were more or less a reward for the toil that the students endured during the cross-country ski training. The cross-country ski training included: ski jorring, long ski treks, the techniques and application of pulling toboggans and a section level cross-country ski test exercise. With sun burned faces and ski bunnies in tow most of the battalion thoroughly enjoyed the 1990 version of the ski school.



Capt M.D. Johnston, 2IC A Coy making sure he has his skis on the right feet.



Damned snow gopher! (MCpl Rheume, C Coy)

Small Arms Team



WO Corvino and Pte Wingfield during a good workout on bangy boards



MCpl Burke takes a break.



Sgt Hillier sucking wind during Battalion Ski School training.

Following Ex Array Encounter the 1 PPCLI Small Arms Team began training in earnest for the 1 CBG Small Arms Competition. Through a varied training schedule which included an all expense paid round trip to beautiful downtown Dundurn; generous amounts of floor hockey; and a new game called "pick off the PI Comd with paintballs", we prepared for the upcoming test.

After one day in Wainwright it was readily apparent that the 3rd Bn was going home, not only early, but with all the loot. MCpl Greenhough (Ret'd) did manage to win a pistol match, much to his surprise, and Pte Muskratt and Pte Chambers both did well with the C-7. As the 1st Bn takes up residence in Cyprus it will be up to the 2nd to try and dethrone the reigning Third Battalion Team.



The Small Arms Team hard at work.

Ex NORCANSUE 90

(the Norwegian-Canadian Small Unit Exchange)

After participating in NATO exercise Array Encounter in Northern Norway, 5 Platoon, B Coy was selected to participate in a 2 week exchange with the 3rd Battalion, Brigade North. All personnel (including augmentees from other companies) were eager to participate; their previous visit to Norway did not allow much contact with the locals.

The concept of platoon exchanges is not new, however, the First Battalion has not participated in this exchange since 1974. That was the last time it was the designated AMF(L) battalion, a position assumed again in 1989. Essentially, a Canadian platoon is hosted by a battalion from Brigade North (Nor) and vice versa. Although familiarization with each other's equipment and operations is important, so too is the exposure to a different culture and a different country.

For 5 Platoon, the Herc ride was uneventful (despite the platoon commander's insistence on "flying" the plane). Norwegian hospitality was unending, if they could have bent over backwards they would have. The first few days on the ground were spent trying out Norwegian weapons and equipment at the 3rd Battalion's home base in Asegarden near Horstad. A two day exercise and several range practices were enlightening although Norwegian tendencies to move forward of the firing point raised a few eyebrows. Tours were laid on over most of North Norway including Narvik and Troms. Of special interest was a detailed tour of a coastal defence battery at Maetovaels. Many of the best experiences were in the night clubs of Horstad where the "cowboy" Canadians attracted much interest.

Meanwhile, in Canada, the Norgies were having a ball. After a short stay in Calgary they headed for Wainwright for equipment demos and range work. A trip to the West Edmonton Mall impressed upon them that we are not a backward nation; they had to be pried out of the country.

On both sides the exchange was a great success and a unique opportunity to experience the ways of an allied army and people.



Downtown Harstad in Norwegian garb. (L to R) Sgt Griffin, Lt Turco, WO MacIlsac, Lt Chura, Sgt Gemmel and Sgt Wakefield.



"Find the Canadians in this picture". 2Lt Heien, Lt Chura, Lt Tonge, WO MacIlsac, Lt Turco.

Exercise Rolling Thunder

During the months of April and May the Battalion deployed to Suffield, Alberta on Exercise Rolling Thunder to practice live fire combat team operations in preparation for Exercise On Guard 90. This exercise gave sections, platoons and companies the chance to shake out and refine many of their mechanized drills. These had gone a little rusty while the Battalion was practising its AMF(L) role both on Exercise Nordic Warrior and Array Encounter. The training started at section level; however, as the sections were given time back in garrison to shake out their drills little time was spent at this level. The Companies quickly moved onto platoon dry training where the platoon then refined their drills before going onto live fire operations. These concentrated on quick attacks, ambushes and machine gunning techniques. The most exciting portion for most of the soldiers was the culmination of this week's training with a company live fire deliberate attack. This attack saw the use of all company and attached weapons at their lethal best, certainly something that a soldier likes to see. Once the climax was reached the realization of garrison life (but for only a short period) was again to resume.



The farmers around here are a might confused, or they're raising awfully short cattle.



MCpl McCutcheon and MCpl Wyszynski contemplate the upcoming attack.

The First Battalion arrived in Wainwright in late May 1990. Soon after the establishment of a bivouac, Companies deployed to practice a variety of skills.

Company training encompassed combat team operations, patrolling, vehicle swimming and an assortment of ranges including a section live fire assault range. All this training led to a live fire combat team attack for each Company.

Though the Battalion concentrated on Company training this in no way inhibited the Battalion's team work and the coordination necessary during the Brigade Exercise. The First Battalion prepared a number of defensive positions in preparation for the anticipated enemy attack as well as for the Reserve Battalions which would soon arrive. With guidance on how to prepare each position, no matter how small, coming from all levels, the Battalion was easily able to defeat the attacking enemy and had End Ex not been called, counter attacks would have allowed the First Battalion to commence offensive operations.

Upon completion of the Brigade Exercise the Battalion quickly regrouped in time to welcome the Reserves to Wainwright. Each rifle Company teamed up with a reserve company in bivouac for training.

With only a week available, the Battalion ran a variety of training activities in a round-robin. These activities were, at times, marred by the continuous rain and eventually caused the evacuation of the reserves to Camp Wainwright. Once dried out the Reserves occupied the defensive positions prepared earlier and the First Battalion then became the enemy force. A valiant effort by the Reserves could not prevent the First Battalion from using the knowledge gained in constructing the positions. The successful attack concluded the exercise and all soldiers packed up to head back to respective homes.



Capt Annis briefs Anti-Armour Platoon on upcoming activities.



Never wanting to get his hands dirty, Pte Sheppard helps Sgt Davis supervise Cpl Johnston and Pte Douglas prep their Grizzly for swimming.



Sgt J.E. Plantz at the helm of M113 during an APC swim at Border Lake, Wainwright.

Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR)

The CIOR congress meets annually, always in a different country. In 1990 the conference was held in Calgary. Though the Regular Force expects to support events such as these, the First Battalion went above and beyond the requirements for normal support.

The normal support included 167 soldiers who were used as medical assistants, weapons technicians, drivers, flag raisers, bilingual announcers and general duties personnel. These personnel supported both the four man teams entered from each country, as well as the following competitions; orienteering, land obstacle course, water obstacle course, pistol, C-7, C-8 and grenade tossing.

The additional support came, when, in an effort to provide competition for the Canadian CIOR team the First Battalion was challenged to a friendly two day contest involving everything but the grenade toss. To make things fair, the date of the contest was selected so that the PPCLI team had no time to prepare or practice.

Even though the First Battalion team could have come up with a multitude of reasons as to why they would not be able to perform to 100% of their ability the team remained silent. All personnel performed at an exceptional level and when the dust cleared, the CIOR had taken the top four positions of 13. The First Battalion took positions five and six with the remainder intermixed.

The competition allowed both regular and reserve officers to compete against each other in a friendly environment. Events such as this will continue to foster cooperation and comradeship between the PPCLI and the Reserves.

NECIC 90

Personnel from 1 PPCLI participated in the 1990 Northern European Command Infantry Competition. The competition was conducted at Jaegerspris Camp Zealand, Denmark 12, 13 September 1990. The participants included two squads from each Northern European Command country, Germany, Norway, Denmark and one squad from the reinforcement nations, Canada, United Kingdom, and the Netherlands. The competition consisted of four phases which included field firing (day/night), a cross-country march, and a series of individual infantry skills. Although the Canadians did not fare as well as expected the team did prove to be the fittest competitors. The Northern European Command Infantry Competition is a well organized and challenging competition that was a very good experience for all soldiers involved.



Northern European Command Competition Team (NECIC)

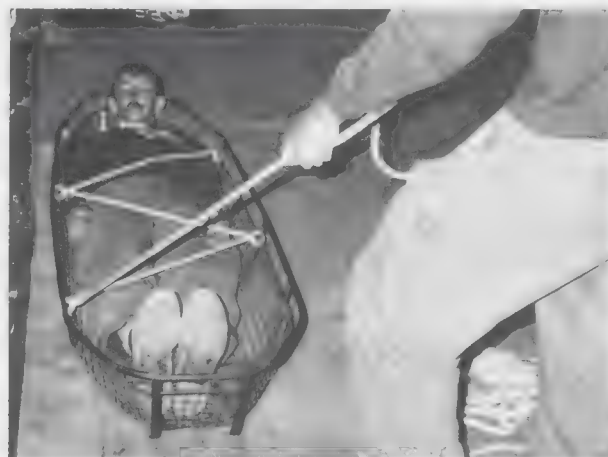
Front Row: (L to R) MCpl Richardson, Sgt Kenny, Cpl Mountain, Pte Cooper, Pte Bailey, Pte Finer, Sgt Graham, Pte Parsons Back Row: (L to R) Lt Sox, Pte Feyko, Pte Kafka, MCpl MacPhail, Pte Bertrand, Pte Allred, Pte Kearney, Pte Favasoli, Sgt MacDonald, WO Brown

Exercise Mountain Warrior

The 1 PPCLI Basic Mountain Operations Course set up its base camp on the outskirts of the Bow Valley Provincial Park near the base of Mt Yamnuska. Under the command of Lt Reeves, WO MacNeil and a crew of 9 instructors this school was in operation from 13 August to 15 September 1990. The aim of this training was to train soldiers to function effectively and safely in mountainous terrain.

The first two weeks of training were solely for instructor work ups. By the time the first serial arrived the instructors were ready. Each serial lasted 5 1/2 days, culminating with the ascent and descent of the Wasootch Tower by fixed line and rappelling. In total, the Mountain School trained 130 soldiers including the CO, LCol R.R. Romses.

Exercise Mountain Warrior gave candidates a sense of accomplishment while it built their confidence and allowed them to enjoy nature at its finest.



Sgt Gemmel - All tied up!



Mountain Operations Instructors L to R MCpl Ryan, MCpl Croucher, Lt Reeves, MCpl Denkowycz

Ex Lethal Stalk - 1 PPCLI Patrol School

Kicking off with a vengeance into an intense training cycle, the First Battalion had a busy autumn after leave. Recce Platoon, true to fashion, picked a doozy of an area for a patrol school, namely the Rocky Mountain House federal reserve north of Calgary.

All coy personnel were presented with a series of lectures on the intricacies of patrolling while still in Calgary. Then, on to Rocky Mountain House where it became evident that the rolling, heavily forested terrain would be hell to navigate in.

The first patrols out were recce patrols led by the section commanders and 2IC's. The objectives they rec'd would eventually lead to a target for platoon and company sized fighting patrols. The quality of junior NCO's in this Battalion was confirmed by the high success rate on these patrols. The fighting patrols that followed were equally successful and provided much needed practice for every man who participated. Those personnel in B Coy had an especially interesting patrol when they took a different track, assaulting from the water. A re-enactment of Juno Beach - or Dieppe?!

The patrol school was undoubtedly successful as proven later by the patrolling during the Dundurn concentration.



*MCpl Davis J.W.
watches his arc during a daylight rehearsal.*

Ex Noble Patricia 90

Once again the coming of autumn meant the First Battalion was on the road to Dundurn and Ex Noble Patricia 90. While the aim of the exercise remained the same, last year's activities were modified and supplemented to make the live fire ranges even more exciting, which kept the troops (and the local media) on their toes.

1990 became the year of competitions in Dundurn with the annual patrol competition being augmented by Cbt Sp's "Dry Guy Competition" which was particularly satisfying for the Pioneers, and the RSM's "Son of NECIC". Congratulations to Sgt Rochon's section which finished first and Pte Finer who was top soldier.



Section anti-tank range, Exercise Noble Patricia 90.

First Battalion French Grey Cup 90

The First Battalion held its annual French Grey Cup celebrations on the 12th of October 1990. The day began with a parade in which each company displayed an elaborate float centered around the Company "Queen". Company's were not allowed to canvas outside of the Battalion to find "queens" but this did not prevent them from creating some original looking entries. Though all queens tried to entice the judges with their various attributes (some more than others) it was Pte Baxter of B Coy who, despite a spectacular fall reigned over the day. Adm Coy took the best float award.

Following the parade the final football game commenced. All Coys competed in a week of play downs to determine that C Coy and Combat Support should meet in the final. It was a close and intensely fought contest with each team playing its best game of the season. In the end, C Coy emerged victorious. MVP went to MCpl J.P. Romanko of C Coy while defensive MVP and Offensive MVP went to Pte I.S. MacGillivray of C Coy and Pte J.J. Godollei of Combat Support respectively.

The halftime show featured two man teams consisting of the CO and RSM, DCO and QMSI, Coy OC's and respective CSM's. Each team competed in Passing and Kicking contests. Winners were Lt R.A. MacIntosh, A/OC Adm Coy for kicking and Lt C.W. Reeves, A/OC C Coy for passing.

The day was closed with a reception at the JRC where all trophies were awarded. The 1990 version of this event was a success and the tradition lives on with each individual holding his own memories of the day.

PCF Cycle

During October and November the Battalion conducted one of its two Primary Combat Function cycles which included the Basic TOW Gunner, Basic Mortarman, Basic Driver AVGP, Basic Driver Wheel, Basic Communicator, Basic Assault Pioneer and Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman courses. All courses began by conducting their classroom lectures in various garrison locations and, with the exception of the Basic Communicator and Basic Driver Wheel courses, finished with their field phase in Camp Wainwright. As in the past, the students on these courses were extremely busy and always challenged, especially on the Basic Reconnaissance Patrolman course. This course is especially challenging because of the tasks that the students must perform on this course; in that, they must be proficient patrollers, have the abilities to assist in patrol battle procedure, have some mountaineering skills, be knowledgeable about nuclear and chemical warfare and have some engineering skills. All in all, this PCF cycle was a great success and it saw the graduation of 190 happy candidates on these various TQ4 courses.



C Coy's offence and Cbt Sp Coy's defence line up in the French Grey Cup 1990 Final



Pte Mackenzie breaks through the line and leaves MCpl Burke of C Coy in his dust.



Sgt Crawford of Cbt Sp Coy takes advantage of a block by Pte Mackenzie and goes for broke.



The mortar course in action in Wainwright.

Major-General H.C. Pitts, MC, CD Appointed Colonel of the Regiment

On Friday the 19th of October 1990 the Regiment observed the official Change of Appointment of Colonel of the Regiment. The Regiment was honoured to have its Colonel in Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma presiding at the ceremony.

The retiring Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier-General R.S. Graham, CD, had served in that position since 1987. On the 19th of October he retired for the last time from a career that saw him graduate from RMC in 1940 and took him through a variety of Regimental and Staff appointments in both peace and war. The Regiment is indebted to his leadership.

The new Colonel of the Regiment Major-General H.C. Pitts, MC, CD began his career in 1948 as a Cadet at RRMC. Since then he has seen service with the LdSH (RC), won an MC as a PPCLI subaltern in Korea, served with the QOR and eventually commanded the First Battalion; in addition to many other appointments he has also Commanded the Airborne Regiment. Since his retirement in 1978 he has served as Colonel Commandant of the Infantry Branch and as Colonel of the Regiment for the Canadian Airborne Regiment. His present appointment as Colonel of the Regiment for the PPCLI is for three years and he is wished every success.



Pte Smith presents a farewell gift from the Regiment to the retiring Colonel of the Regiment, BGen R.S. Graham. The Colonel-in-Chief and the new Colonel of the Regiment MGen H.C. Pitts look on.



Lady Patricia presides over the signing of the Change of Appointment Certificates between BGen R.S. Graham and MGen H.C. Pitts.



The Colonel-in-Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, prepares to inspect the parade with BGen R.S. Graham and MGen H.C. Pitts.

2 PPCLI began a new decade with its fourth tour in UNFICYP. January is distantly remembered as a series of lectures and slides of strange warm looking places surrounded by sheep, DAGs, needles, forms that required re-signing at least three times, and a constant line up at the pay office. Everyone got to meet the chaplains. By February the boys were sporting blue berets and appearing on television regularly. In fact, the Battalion appeared in the Manitoba Legislature receiving the province's highest award - The Order of the Buffalo Hunt. There was no truth to the rumour that some members of Adm Company were disappointed to hear that, in fact, this was not a method of laying in meat for the tour.



"...hot LZ".



"...and no sheep..."

The deployment to the Island of Aphrodite was plagued with airflow hiccups. The Advance Party arrived late and the main body was forced to fly in an L1011. Unfortunately the free drinks were not "on" since the flight was destined to be into a "hot LZ". The in-flight movie was barely over before the deplaning boys were scrambling into webbing and manning UN barricades in Nicosia as crowd controllers. In the first three days some City Company types weren't sure which room their kit had been left in, and for longer than that, some Adm Company personnel thought they worked permanently "down town".



The OP that 2VP built.



"...to my left..."



The Routine.



In the Service of Peace.

Once the crowds cleared and zealots stopped clambering up the Roccas Bastion, the Battalion settled in, took operational control of Sector Three from 1 RCR and really noticed that it was cold and didn't really resemble those cheerful slides. Only Rural Company had sheep, despite persistent reports of sightings behind the BB bar!

Then the routine - OP, patrols, false alarms, shotreps, clean grease off stove, aireps, OP, retail store run, catch a few videos, OP, forty-eight, OP, patrol, OP, real alarms, radio watch, OP, clean grease off engine, OP...

Visitors passed through - ambassadors, press, showbiz types, tourists...and slowly the sun came out. Once the sun came out, it stayed, and with it came Nissi Beach and the delights of parasailing, ogling, expensive beer and wangling days off. The CF discovered that the best way to keep troops in shape was to force them into bathing suits in public as often as possible. Everyone pumped iron, or said they did, everyone "ran around the island" or at least filed in the book. Every platoon had at least one full length mirror and one City Company platoon - after certain press reports about rippling muscles - had one per section. The result of all this fitness activity was a boom in competition participation. They now blur in the memory - but the frosty morning shooters, the medal proud track and fielders, the sweating, gasping military forced marchers, and the wet and wild swimming champions all hold places in our corporate memory. As if the UN weren't sponsoring enough team sports, 2 PPCLI hosted a "sevens rugby" tourney and wallowed in bloody knees and greased ears and produced a series of party pics that not even a mother could love. Dozens of keeners even spent two gruelling days wandering the Troodos in search of the illusive and unwearable DANCON march medal.



"Visitors passed through..."



"...or said they did..."



"Maybe catch a few videos..."



"...all this fitness activity..."

Not to be outdone, the ever-competitive rear party joined the "Around Manitoba Run" to raise money for the Children's Hospital which was opened by Princess Patricia of Connaught and her father some time back (about the time the RSM was No 2 on the Lewis gun). They not only set a new non corporate record (\$4,000) for earned donations, but the 8 man relay also set a new distance record.



"wet and wild"



blurring the memory



Sevens



"..medal proud"



"...not even a mother could love"

Somewhere in midst of those heady days of beaches and glory the Battalion received its UN medals from the Force Commander, MGen Milner, and our Lady Patricia, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma. While many received their gongs on the traditional parade at the Ledra Palace, most found themselves standing at attention in OPs, in front of our heated radios, beside unairconditioned vehicles and even by their beds while Lady Patricia pinned on the little "In the Service of Peace" medal. There is no record of anyone receiving his medal at Nissi Beach - and this presentation is one everyone remembers - especially Cpl Avery who now has had both of his personally presented in the same way by the Colonel in Chief. Then, about the same time as Iraq posted many of its personnel to Kuwait, 2 PPCLI completed its mid tour rotation, sat out a few more crowds and more than a few more shifts, and with one eye on the calendar began to receive the pale-looking members of 12eRBC. Suddenly the freedom birds were in and everyone was grabbing their little bags of jewelry and duty-free and eagerly anticipating those several hours waiting in AMUs.





"I'll let you go when you let go"

But before the long awaited leave, we had one final duty. On 19 September, in bright but not hot sunshine, Second Battalion paraded for the last time under LCol Bill Sutherland and for the first time under LCol Jay Lapeyre.





*The old boot polish on the eye piece trick...
second time this week.*



Shilo TEWG (Tactical Exercise Without Ground)



Catch

1990 drew to a close with the usual round of dinners, sporting events and -35C temperatures. Second Battalion can reflect on a Year of Accomplishment and look forward to 1991 better prepared for whatever that ominous year holds in store for it



The new Kapyong painting

After leave and the inevitable reorg, it was back to soldiering in the Army of the West - Shilo, Wainwright, Minaki, PWT and BPET, and that cold morning PT (PT in A Coy called a religious experience as in "Oh Jesus, when will it stop?"). OP duty, at least was kept to a minimum and instead of videos, the unit sat around the box watching Pioneer Platoon in "The Great Culvert Caper". Recce Platoon managed a rare flight out to the coast to play water babies and started the new fad for dismounted ops; but of course, the RSM refused to have 9C shaved into the side of his head, so coiffed callsigns are now a thing of the past.



All the new medals



Just like Nissi Beach



Whistle a happy tune



"So anyway then she says..."



Once more around the square before leave



Hayseed? Who said hayseed?



Smile and the whole world smiles with you



Get that jacket off and we'll settle this outside



Most in Rural Coy were sheepish...



*"No really, its the next command..
.it's written on my hand*

2943 RCACC - CAMPBELL RIVER

2943 RCACC Corps located in Campbell River, BC is presently parading 28 cadets on Thursday evenings. The corps is sponsored by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 3097 and the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

During the summer of 1990, the corps obtained a new barracks, thanks to generous local business. As a result, the Corps has new administration offices, quartermaster stores, a classroom and washrooms in addition to its present quarters.

During the past year a Parents' Association was formed to support and raise money for cadet activities and equipment; as a result the Corps has purchased two vans, six canoes and a canoe trailer. Major expenditures were target rifles and shooting equipment, plus major renovations for our barracks. The Corps holds regular shooting weekends at the local range. The devotion to musketry has resulted in the Corps becoming the top Army Cadet shooting team in British Columbia in BCRA Match 1,2, and 3 Classes.

The Corps spent an exciting weekend with the Third Battalion in September arranged by Cadet Liaison Officer Lt Todd Strickland. During the visit, the Cadets were shown the weapons used by the battalion including the TOW Anti-Tank Weapons System and a demonstration by the Mortar Platoon. An excellent exercise was played out by the Recce Platoon.

Many more training weekends are planned before the end of the cadet year including a Winter Survival programme at Grouse Mountain in March and the Powell River Tri-Service .22 calibre shoot in April. A good year for the Corps.



Foster's Brer Rabbit



On the hoof



Campbell River's Top Army Cadet Shooting Team in British Columbia Rifle Association Match One, Two and Three

A Year in the Life of 3 PPCLI

To state that 1990 was a busy year for the Third Battalion would be an understatement, to say the least. On return from Christmas Leave, the Battalion launched with the fury of a runaway machine gun and never looked back. But now, as the spectre of the Patrician deadline approaches and we sift through the unit memory, we can see in retrospect that 1990 was, in fact, a year to remember.

Ex Snow Seeker 90, as the name of the exercise implies, the absence of snow in the Victoria area has always been a thorn in the side of any Battalion member who has attempted to plan or conduct winter warfare training on the Island. By adhering to the indispensable principle of flexibility, the Battalion was able to conduct an effective expedient to travelling to the North in Ex Snow Seeker 90.

Forbidden Plateau was the site of winter indoctrination and ski training in January 1990. The companies practiced themselves in the rigors of winter warfare (despite what the Second Battalion might regard as "mild" conditions). The four-day exercise proved to be beneficial as our soldiers honed their skills in tent group routine, , expedient shelters, snowshoeing, military skiing, movement, and snow defences. A touch of recreational skiing at the end of the exercise capped off a useful and enjoyable exercise.

PCF Cycle. In February the Battalion set about the task of conducting the annual Primary Combat Function (PCF) Cycle. The widest possible range of courses was conducted, which included Base Reconnaissance Patrolman, TOW Gunner, Basic Pioneer, Basic Mortarman, Signals, Machine Gunner, Driver AVGP, Driver Wheel and Combat Storeman. An excellent effort was extended by all ranks, and the results achieved in all areas of the training reflected the hard work of the Battalion's soldiers. This PCF cycle contributed greatly to enhancing the operational effectiveness of the unit.

Ex Strong Contender. A brief pause was called in early February for the Battalion to send its athletes to Calgary for the annual Brigade Sports Competition - Ex Strong Contender. During this exercise, the Battalion fielded teams in ice hockey, floor hockey, broomball and volleyball. It was a banner year for the Third, because for the first time ever it won the Ice Hockey Championship in con-

vincing fashion. The victory was particularly sweet because the Third Battalion Islanders blasted the foundations of the Second Battalion Rebels' dynasty. But, as the soldiers of the Third Battalion are above the pettiness of gloating, we prefer not to dwell upon the sound thrashing that we handed out to the Second Battalion. In addition to our resounding hockey victory, honourable mention must also go out to all the teams, particularly the broomball team, which made it to the finals.

Patrol School/Competition. Patrolling is an integral part of modern warfare. It is a means by which the Infantry gains or denies critical information and objectives to or from the enemy and is the pinnacle of infantry skill and training. In the past, this unit has placed a tremendous emphasis on developing skills in patrolling, and the year 1990 was certainly no exception. In the last week of March the Battalion started a Patrol School, which was quickly followed by a Unit Patrol Competition.



MCpl McCaulay takes part in Patrol School training at Albert Head

On Guard 90. From the early days of May until the end of June, home for the Third Herd was not the sunny shores of Victoria but the lonesome prairie of Wainwright, Alta. During what became know as the "Wainwright Campaign" the unit had both an eventful and memorable summer.

The first order of business to be tackled at the outset of the campaign season can be summed up in two words - "Live Fire". Ex Prairie Viper covered the full spectrum of ranges from individual close-quarter battle lanes to company size assault and trench clearing ranges. For three weeks the Battalion developed its battlecraft at every level.

The aim of Ex Prairie Viper was to develop the fighting skills of the Rifle Companies. Accordingly, the platoons of Cbt Sp Coy were tasked with the preparation and conduct of such ranges as jungle lanes, pairs fire and movement, section assault, platoon assault, ambush, and company assault. Their efforts were nothing short of excellent and all range staffs should be praised. Of particular note was the superb trench clearing range constructed by Pioneer Platoon. Lt Paynter even went above and beyond the call of duty by absorbing a grenade fragment during the conduct of that particular range.



Sgt Howes stays low at the Grenade Assault Range



Lt Englesby, A Coy, gets "bombed up"



The CO passes on a few wise words prior to the Live Fire range



Maj Dave Barr packs his infamous "Brick"



*Mortar Platoon in action.
"Rounds in the air...where do you want 'em?"*



Sgt John Marshall gives a briefing on the TOW Under Armour at the TOW Range

One special event which occurred on 17 May was the visit of the Colonel in Chief. While on a visit to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Lady Patricia graciously took time out of her busy schedule to visit the troops in the field. In so doing, she had a whirlwind tour of live fire ranges, taking time to chat with some of the members of the Battalion. Her visit, as always, was a welcome event and we look forward to seeing her again in the New Year.



Sgt Murphy and Pte Kutzy take time to "brew up" during a break in the TOW shoot.



Left to Right: Lt K. Gentles, Lt R. Paynter, Lady Patricia, BGen Graham, Maj T. Dillenberg, and Sgt Johnson. The Colonel-in-Chief receives a briefing on the finer points of trench-clearing.



WO MacDonald has a few words with the Colonel-in-Chief



LCol Elliott greets Lady Patricia on her arrival in Wainwright

On 20 June the Battalion, as part of 1 CBG, took part in Ex Lethal Defender. The Battalion was instrumental in seizing a bridgehead on the east bank of the Battle River. It set about creating a formidable defence, which successfully repelled attacks mounted by an aggressive and cunning enemy (provided by the Third Battalion, Royal Anglican Regiment of the UK).

In the ensuing four days the Battalion improved its defences and, recalling the previous month of training, embarked on a highly rigorous and successful patrol schedule. In denying the initiative to the enemy, the patrols of the Third Battalion punished him by snuffing out several sniper detachments and capturing numerous prisoners. The hard work of April paid back dividends during this phase of the training.

In the final days of the exercise, the enemy hurled its remaining strength in a final offensive aimed at the heart of the 1 CBG bridgehead. The attack was repelled by stalwart defenses and a series of aggressive counter-attacks, which left the bridgehead intact and defensible. Unfortunately, the Battalion suffered a very real casualty in the form of the Commanding Officer, who was unable to lead his Battalion, having succumbed to a serious illness. However, in the finest traditions of the Regiment, the Battalion continued to soldier on and achieve its mission effectively under the command of Deputy Commanding Officer, Maj A.J. Flaman. The fine performance of the unit without its Commanding Officer was a testament to LCol Elliott's leadership and the high standards of training and discipline that were instilled during his tenure of command.

The final phase of Exercise On Guard 90 saw the "Total Force" portion of integrated training of militia and Regular Force units - an event that was unique in training since the Second World War. The exercise began with a Battle School for the Pacific Strike Battalion, in which militia soldiers

participated in a variety of ranges, including tank hunting, pairs fire and movement, and ambush ranges. There then ensued a relief-in-place which saw the Third return to its bridgehead from Ex Lethal Defender. Under the command of LCol Nette the Pacific Strike Battalion then defended against unrelenting attacks from the Third during the next two days. When the dust finally settled and the badly mauled militia units were allowed to withdraw, everyone agreed that this exercise provided excellent training for all involved.

There were several other events of note in the memorable summer of 1990. The 3 PPCLI Rifle Team held up their long-standing tradition of winning by convincingly sweeping the Brigade Small Arms Competition. Individual winners included WO Cromwell, Sgt Trelnuk, Sgt Coish, MCpl Little, Cpl Hamilton, Cpl Nielson and Pte Perry. In addition, members of the Battalion Anti-Armour Platoon not only planned and conducted the Brigade TOW concentration but they also won the 1 CBG AFV competition.



Cpl Mitch Therrien mans his C6 trench during Ex Lethal Defender



B Company moves out on an air assault operation

Following a fast-paced training cycle, the three week summer block leave period came as a welcome respite to the soldiers of the Battalion.



On behalf of Third Battalion Armour Defence Platoon, Cpl Sutton accepts the congratulations of Brigadier-General Vernon for having won the 1 CBG AFV competition

Change of Command. In accordance with time-honoured military traditions, LCol Peter Kenward formally assumed command of the Third Battalion in the course of Change of Command ceremonies conducted on 17 August 1990 at Work Point Barracks. The occasion was presided over by Commander 1 CBG, BGen W.B. Vernon, CD and attended by such dignitaries as the Commander MARPAC, Rear Admiral P.W. Cairns, CD, and the Colonel of the Regiment, BGen R.S. Graham, CD (ret'd). The mood of the ceremony was noticeably sombre in the absence of the outgoing CO, LCol Harry Elliott. LCol Elliott was recovering from illness in the University of Alberta Hospital in Edmonton. Acting in the capacity of Outgoing Commanding Officer was Maj A.J. Flamen.

It has been said that a Commander's attitudes and standards are reflected in his subordinates' performance. If such is the case, then the polished and disciplined soldiers who participated in the Change of Command attest to LCol Elliott's no-nonsense, hard driving approach to soldiering. Under his command the Third Battalion has served with distinction in Cyprus and participated in training exercises across Western Canada and the United States. Due in part to his active support of the Battalion's competitive teams, 3 PPCLI is once again scoring victories at regional and national level competitions. LCol Elliott will be missed by the Third Battalion as all ranks wish him a speedy convalescence and the best of luck in his next posting.

LCol Kenward is no stranger to 3 PPCLI, having begun his career as a Patricia as a subaltern at Work Point Barracks. As a junior officer he served in a variety of appointments in 3 PPCLI and the Canadian Airborne Regiment, which included Rifle Platoon Commander, Reconnaissance Platoon Commander, Company Second-in-Command, and Adjutant. As a Maj, he commanded B Company at 1 PPCLI as well as 2 Airborne Commando. LCol Kenward was promoted to his present rank in 1988 and most recently served in the Directorate of Land Combat Development at National Defence Headquarters.



*The Outgoing Commanding Officer,
Lieutenant-Colonel H.F. Elliott, CD*



*The Incoming Commanding Officer,
Lieutenant-Colonel P.G. Kenward, CD*



*BGen W.B. Vernon and LCol P.G. Kenward take time out
of the Change of Command Parade to catch up on some
overdue paperwork*

Following the Change of Command the Battalion kept on with its furious pace of training with a number of ambitious activities in September and October. A mini-PCF Cycle was the first item to be tackled in the early days of September. A well coordinated and comprehensive package, the mini-PCF served to upgrade the operational readiness of the unit in that it offered courses such as Combat Intelligence, Unarmed Combat Instructor, Unit Physical Training Assistant, Basic Mountain Operations, Combat Storeman, CPR, Small Arms Coaches Course and a Motorcycle Driver Course. Due to the thoroughly professional effort of the training cadres, the mini-PCF was an unequivocal success.



*Maj A.J. Flaman (left), Acting Commanding Officer of
3 PPCLI represents LCol H.F. Elliott as the Outgoing
Commanding Officer during the Change of Command*



The Brigade Commander inspects the troops

Fast on the heels of the mini-PCF training came a period for marksmanship training and Personal Weapons Testing. Since assuming command, LCol Kenward stressed marksmanship, physical fitness and basic battlecraft as the basis for the Battalion's training plan. Accordingly, every unit member participated in the PWT process in either Nanaimo or Victoria. The fact that this training paid great dividends was readily apparent in 3 PPCLI's victory in the Hamilton Gault Trophy Competition with 11,443 points. All ranks of Third should be congratulated for their shooting skills and effort as they continue the tradition of winning at 3 PPCLI.

Ex Quick Otter. During the early morning hours of 21 October, A Coy was "bugged out" in preparation for an operation in support of the local RCMP. At 2100 hours that day LCol Kenward issued orders which notified the Company that they would be conducting a raid in the Jordan River area. Their targets: a group of drug dealers and their lab.

The mission was a tricky one. Owing to the ruggedness of the terrain and the need for a speedy, silent approach, it was decided to come by way of the ocean using a combination of HMCS Restigouche and assault boats to land the raiding force. Obviously, this required not only detailed coordination but thorough rehearsals to acquaint all the soldiers with the intricacies of this unfamiliar mode of travel. By 2000 hrs on 22 October, all was ready and the troops disembarked from the ship and began the long, wet approach to the secluded objective. Recce detachments led the company



A Company Headquarters is amphibiously inserted from the HMCS Restigouche



MCpl Jones (left) and Pte Everett (right) are extracted by helicopter during Ex Quick Otter



Grenade! C Company on the section Assault Range

to a patrol base and further on to the objective in the ensuing hours. By 1600 on 23 October A Coy initiated a company-size raid on the drug laboratory, which resulted in the rapid destruction of the facility and the capture of two prisoners. The company was then extracted by helicopter at 0800 the next morning. Ex Quick Otter was immensely successful in achieving its aim, and all participants learned a great deal about amphibious operations.

Ex Rebel Leader. With the extensive rotation of soldiers that occurred during the summer of 1990, the Fall period was a prime opportunity to get back to the basics and practice tactics and battlecraft at the lowest levels. With this in mind, Third Battalion embarked on Ex Rebel Leader, which involved the rotation of the companies and support platoons in two week live fire training camp in Fort Lewis,

Washington. The range facilities were excellent and, with the participation of US Army Blackhawk helicopters, the training was realistic, demanding and definitely exciting.



The Firebase. 5 Platoon, B Company practices a platoon Quick Attack



Left to Right: Capt K. Macdonald, Capt P. Metaxas, and Capt D. Delaney. The Operations Officer, the Senior Duty Officer and the Intelligence Officer confer during Ex Poison Dart 90

Ex Rebel Leader offered a complete package of training in infantry skills. Soldiers were challenged on ranges that include jungle lanes, pairs fire and movement, FIBUA ops and air mobile assault. With such a comprehensive training plan there was precious little time for the soldiers to take time off to see the sights in and around one of the largest US bases on the West Coast. However, many did find the time to get a little shopping in (just in time for Christmas). Tired but brimming with confidence and satisfaction, each of the companies returned to Work Point better trained in their infantry skills.

Ex Poison Dart. From 26 to 29 Nov 1990, elements of the Third Battalion were actively involved in the Command Post Exercise Poison Dart. Exercise participants of the Battalion Headquarters were commanded by Maj T. Dillenberg with representatives of the five companies and support platoons fulfilling the Lower Control function.

The scenario was a fast paced, high intensity battle on a European model, in which the Blue Forces took to the offensive against those blasted Fantasians. The scope of the exercise was ambitious, as it included an advance, a passage of lines, a river crossing and the defence of a bridge-head. For the Battalion headquarters staff, the exercise play provided ample opportunity to plan, coordinate and execute (in theory at least) a wide variety of tasks.



*Lt C. Allen mans the "Hotseat" in C/S 0 while
Pte S. Lafreniere listens in*



*The NBC Defense Stand
during the Forced March Competition*

Overall, it is safe to say that much was learned during Ex Poison Dart. In particular, it allowed the Operations Officer, Capt K. MacDonald, the opportunity to whip Battalion headquarters into shape. Many thanks to the LOCON players, who suffered the slings and arrows of Battalion headquarters during the "shake-out" process.

Military/Athletic Competitions. In keeping with its rigorous Physical Training program and to uphold the unit's reputation as the most physically fit Infantry Battalion in the Canadian Army, the unit held two weeks of competitions in December 1990. In addition to the Battalion's quarterly 400-point PT Test of push-ups, sit-ups, chin-ups and a two mile run, number of new and demanding competitions were instituted.

An Advanced Fitness Test was created and promulgated by the CO. In an attempt to "pump us up" he introduced the following events (along with the standards for a First Class pass):

1. four mile run - 26 minutes,
2. push-ups - 60 repetitions in 90 seconds,
3. sit-ups - 50 repetitions in one minute,
4. chin-ups - 15 repetitions,
5. 75 lb military press - 15 repetitions,
6. 135 lb squat - 15 repetitions.

The event was compulsory for all officers and at least 10 personnel from each company, all of whom found it to be a gruelling test of physical endurance. This was due in part to the fact that the run was the first event. No doubt about it - this one was a killer!

The Strongman Competition. The Strongman Competition pitted the Battalion's strongest men against each other. As the competition was proportioned to body weight, the biggest man did not necessarily have an advantage. Events included bench press, military press and dead lift.

Individual winners were as follows:

- Gold - Sgt Gates (B Company)
- Silver - Pte Waddell (B Company)
- Bronze - OCdt Pumphrey (C Company)

In terms of average scores for the companies, the winners of the Strongman Competition were as follows:

- First - B Company (990.67 points average)
- Second - C Company (889.08 points average)
- Third - Combat Support Company (797.20 points average)

The Third Battalion now has a new and improved obstacle course, courtesy of our own Pioneer Platoon. LCol Kenward wasted no time in utilizing the facility to the fullest by implementing a platoon Obstacle Course Competition. At the end of a cold and rainy December day, the overall ranking was:

First - 5 Platoon (11 min 11 sec)
 Second - Mortar Platoon (14 min 57 sec)
 Third - Recce Platoon (15 min 07 sec)

With 45 pounds in each man's rucksack, the Battalion's platoons marched 16 km in the Forced March Competition. There were three stations en route which tested individual skill in NBC, first aid, and AFV recognition. In this competition Mortar Platoon was the sleeper, managing to shock everyone by stealing first place. The list of winners reads as follows:

First - Mortar Platoon
 Second - Recce Platoon
 Third - 7 Platoon.

The last of the competitions was the Marksmanship Competition, which was organized and run by the Small Arms Team. Again, Mortar Platoon surprised the Battalion by placing first. However, the real shock was an unexpected third place triumph by Signals Platoon. The overall ranking was as follows:

First - Mortar Platoon
 Second - 8 Platoon
 Third - Signals Platoon.

When all was said and done and the 3 PPCLI "Olympics" were complete, B Company claimed the overall title with the highest aggregate score. Congratulations go out to B Company for their winning effort, and to all competitors for their physical drive and esprit de corps throughout the competitions.



The Small Arms Team pounds out part of their 16 km march



MCpl D. Gebhardt of Recce Platoon leopard crawls his way through part of the Obstacle Course



Lt B. Gilligan charges on after crawling under the wire obstacle



WO T. Cromwell accepts the winning trophy on behalf of the 3 PPCLI Rifle Team from Comd 1 CBG, BGen W.B. Vernon



Left to Right: Pte Hubley, Pte Dunn and Cpl Coady press on with the march



LCol Kenward "demotes" MCpl Pumphrey (left) and MCpl Moggy (right) to the rank of Officer Cadet.



Identifying the micro-armour models at the AFV Recognition Stand



Pte Lafreniere and Pte Macluskie attempt to revive a casualty at the First Aid Stand



WO Clarke steps gingerly across a suspension bridge on the obstacle course

Christmas Festivities. It should have been obvious that something was up on 12 December as every Unit Officer laced up his running shoes with a dreadful emptiness in his stomach and the thought of a "Fun Run" with the CO weighing heavily on his mind. It was actually pleasant as the group meandered its way to the British Columbia Legislature Buildings, but the best was yet to come. On the front steps of the ominous edifice there appeared a six foot brown bear with a tray full of Drambuie in his paws. After the initial ponderance of this strange apparition, the drinks were choked back in fairly short order and, in no time, the parade of officers was making its way back to Work Point with a gutful of Drambuie and a warm "fuzzy" at the realization that the Christmas season was upon us.

On the thirteenth of December, the Battalion kicked back for a little fun and relaxation prior to departing on Christmas leave. The Annual Officer's vs Senior NCO's Hockey Game was the first order of business. As usual, the Officers took it upon themselves to give the Senior NCO's a lesson in the finer points of Canada's game. The fleet-footed and razor sharp Officers dominated the NCO's in every aspect of play. Indeed, it was only through placing a couple of ringers on the duffer line that the NCO's were able to salvage a 4-4 tie. There can be no doubt - Sgt Sarginson is no Duffer! Not to worry - this despicable and unsportsmanlike behaviour has come to be expected from the NCO's, and the Officers took it all in stride.

In another fiercely contested match, the Cpl's and Pte's took it to the MCpl's. Close checking and end to end actions were the order of the day in this confrontation. Hardly a goaltenders' duel, the score sheet read 8-7 in the Cpl/Pte's favour when the final siren sounded.

After the games the Officers and Senior NCO's put on their best wear and proceeded to serve the men at the Annual Men's Christmas Dinner. This auspicious occasion was granted all the pomp and pageantry it was due, with a performance by the Drum Line and a ceremonial turkey carving. Pte Robertson even got to be "king for a day" when he donned LCol Kenward's tunic and assumed temporary command of the Battalion. A pontification on training objectives and priorities were eagerly anticipated from A/LCol Robertson, however, he seemed more interested in dissecting his Christmas bird than attempting to re-direct the Battalion for 1991. It was all in good fun and well enjoyed by everyone involved.

Following these special events, all soldiers of the Battalion proceeded on a well deserved three weeks leave in order to spend some quality time with family and friends.



2Lt S. Bland is promoted to the rank of Lieutenant



Lt G. Kozroski is promoted on 14 Dec 90



Forced March Competition winners. Mortar Platoon



Strongman Competition winners. Left to right: Sgt Gates (Gold), Pte Waddell (Silver) and OCdt Pumphrey (Bronze)

There you have it. Here ends the attempt to exact the salient features of a year's worth of activities from memory and stitch them into a comprehensive summary. Indeed, the most difficult undertaking of this endeavor is deciding what should be omitted. Nonetheless, after reflecting upon 1990, it is safe to say that the Third Battalion had an extraordinarily busy year, and one for which all Battalion members can be both satisfied and proud.



The RSM of 3 PPCLI, CWO G.J. Arndt "pondering life in the fast lane."



2 Commando Sitrep



It just doesn't get any better than this!

2 Airborne Commando also known as The Backbone of the Special Service Force has once again proven to the Canadian Army that "there's no life like it"! The members of 2 Commando are all volunteers selected from the finest Patricia soldiers. Each member has made a commitment to professionalism and excellence and has earned the right to wear the coveted Maroon Beret.

1990 proved to be an exciting year for 2 Commando. Many good exercises were conducted which provided us with the opportunity to refine age-old infantry skills as well as to learn "the Airborne Way". The soldiers of 2 Commando take advantage of unique training opportunities not normally available to other Infantry units. And as 2 Commando makes up a part of the Airborne Battle Group, additional equipment and resources become available giving the Airborne soldier a well rounded knowledge of all arms combat.

The highlights of the year started right away in January when the Commando had the opportunity to conduct training with E Battery (Para) from 2 RCHA and the Regimental Mortar Platoon during Exercise Frost Bite. The training was conducted in three phases. The initial deployment saw the Commando conducting range work to refamiliarize everyone with artillery and mortar fire employment. Phase Two began with an advance to contact clearing pockets of enemy resistance. As night fell the Commando dug hasty defences and later staged a fighting withdrawal. A super exercise to kick off the new year!

Still in January, 2 Commando was pitted against 1 Commando in an all out no holds barred patrolling competition. The objective was to capture the enemy flag from their Headquarters. After some heated patrolling from both sides, neither came out winners and the competition was declared a tie.

February began with a stumble as a cross country ski refresher was conducted on Bangy Boards of course. Many chills and spills were had by all, in fact Sports Follies has offered to buy the video rights! The week concluded with a ski competition won by Trooper King with Captain Hope topping the "Old Guy" group.

In spite of all this fun, the best part of February was Exercise Roving Eagle, the 2 Commando patrolling competition. Each platoon was given similar tasks designed to test many Infantry patrolling skills such as partizan link-ups, raids and ambushes. Each patrol was graded by a different umpire to determine an overall winner. When the dust settled, 7 platoon was happy to take the prize.

2 Cdo 1.

March started with the introduction of the SARPELS, a new equipment lowering system for parachutists. This system was touted as the "be all and end all" for Canadian parachutists. March saw the "be all" and December saw the "end all" as it was temporarily taken out of service. Hello again "old PELS" and with it the complicated rigging and subsequent high blood pressure for the Jump Masters.

March 17 is the day all Patricias put down their rifles and pick up their brooms! This year was no different at 2 Commando. The traditional Broom-i-Loo games were underway with the four platoons competing for top spot. After the mud was cleared no one could be named a winner but the soldiers had a good time beating each other to the best of their abilities. The ever popular Officer vs Senior NCO game turned out to be the grudge match of the day. Once again the Officers showed the NCOs that they are a force to be reckoned with! The scorekeeper lost track of the Officers' score when it went into double digits and being the good sports they are they allowed a couple goals into their own net for a final score of Officers 20 something - Senior NCOs 2. The festivities were concluded with an all ranks social gathering at the Kyrenia Club to strengthen PPCLI ties.

March ended with the Commando in Meaford conducting a Battle School to refine the skills of the Infantry with live fire. Exercise Final Fire consumed the Commando's yearly ammunition allotment (and then some) as all training was conducted live. Stands included pairs fire and movement, section attacks, night raids, tank hunting, demolitions (Hey, heads up McRoberts) and even live firing of Soviet weaponry.

A perfect jab from the back of an MLVW started April and Exercise Quick Thrust. Area Interdiction was the first order of business and observation posts were meticulously constructed well behind enemy lines. Once enough intelligence was gathered the Commando was reassigned and in five days a complete deliberate defensive position was constructed. Throughout this exercise the real enemy turned out to be the weather with rain everyday and temperatures ranging from zero in the day to -25C at night! A Canadian Signals Regiment soldier won't soon forget the meaning of the Maroon Beret as Sgt Gresty felt the young soldier might have some information of interest. After a couple of hours of "conversation" the shaky lad was sent home with a lesson of conduct after capture and a reminder never to go potty alone!

Exercise Pegasus Venture started one bleary-eyed morning in May with an ever popular bug-out. This exercise was designed to test inter-operability between the Battle Group units. In a lightning fast raid the entire Battle Group jumped into Earlton under the United Nations flag to secure the airfield and to free the hostages. The raid went like clockwork and the boys were home within four hours! Mission accomplished.

Later in May the Commando was off to Ottawa for FIBUA training on Exercise Capital Warrior. Platoons rushed to construct fortified strongholds and other platoons then tried to take them away in what turned out to be an excellent training ground for fighting in built up areas.

The remainder of May and into June took 2 Commando into the field to train Militiamen on Exercise ON GUARD 90. Tasked primarily with running Militia companies through live fire defensive stands proved most interesting for both 2 Commando and the Militia. Later in the exercise 2 Commando was employed patrolling against Militia defensive positions. Surprisingly, it is hard to see Militiamen...as they are hiding in fear at the bottom of their trenches.

The annual posting season was a sad time for many as they said good-bye to the Commando and moved on to other things big and small. However, with their departure came a new group of FNGs all with a look of worry on their faces and the fear in their hearts that maybe they aren't good enough to wear the Maroon Beret. Time would tell.

With the summer months came Exercise Pegasus Diver which provided an excellent opportunity to learn some special skills in a relaxed environment. The coast of Bermuda was invaded by 20 SCUBA Commandos who ventured deep under the salty waves. Many a fish story has been told by all.

August was a time for a well deserved rest. Soldiers were given time to get away to recharge their batteries for the next training year. August also saw Exercise Ex Colis, the annual Regimental jump bivouac. Jumpers new and old reunited under canopy and beer mug to tell old stories and to make up some new ones. As a part of the fun, British, American and German Contingents were on hand to earn the right to wear Canadian Jump Wings.

With the autumn comes the annual course season with advanced courses running in Gagetown and basic courses running at Regimental level. As with every year, if you weren't a student on a course you were an instructor on one and this year was no different. 2 Commando ran the Basic TOW course and our students on the Pathfinder course had an exceptional showing. Well done to MCpl Mike Anderson who topped the course.

With the help of a couple of CC 130 aircraft the end of the year took 2 Commando to Chicotomi, Quebec to start a series of progressive one week winter exercises which ended in Petawawa. With the end of this series, all ranks prepared for a quiet Yuletide sharing time with friends and family and telling stories of the hardships of life under the Maroon Beret.

Next year 2 Commando will drive on with its blistering pace training in such diverse places as the Canadian Arctic and the jungles of both Panama and Jamaica. Until next year then "fair winds and soft landings". Airborne!



A few of the lads ready to jump - "Is this exciting or what?"



"Look, for the last time; I'm tellin' ya you won't find any treasure here!!!"



MCpl Anderson receives the award for Top Candidate on the Pathfinder Course from Col Holmes.



Col Holmes bids farewell to Maj Pentney on the Change of Command to Maj Austdal.



In addition to the Patricias serving with the Airborne Regiment, there are eight others in the Petawawa area. Pictured here are the Commander, BGen Crabbe, the Deputy Commander, Col C.R. Wellwood, BAdmO LCol D.S. Martin, G5 Capt K.E. Orr, G3 Ops4 Capt S.K. Kroone, the FSM CWO E.J. Bakker, and MCpl J.D. Sheppard, for the Base Museum. Missing is Capt S.D. Joudrey, the Unit Support Officer for the Lanark and Renfrew Regiment in Pembroke.

In September 1990, BGen Crabbe and CWO Bakker joined with MGen Reay and two other Canadian Officers, becoming the first Canadian Military Delegation to tour the Soviet Union. The tour, 7 to 18 September, included briefings in Moscow, Leningrad and surrounding areas.



Canadian Military Delegation with their Soviet hosts outside a Soviet Tank Division HQ. Canadians are, left to right, second row, LCol Harries, Military Attache, CWO Bakker, Col Nurse, BGen Crabbe. Front row, Col Mintz, MGen Reay



One of the briefings. Left to right, Col Nurse, Armd, MGen Reay, PPCLI, BGen Crabbe, PPCLI and CWO Bakker, PPCLI.



PATRICIAS AT CABC

Front Row: Maj K.H. Gotthardt, LCol K.A. Nette, Maj D.B. Stevenson, CWO W.D. Collier

Rear Row: Capt C.C. Smith, WO N.B. Topham, Sgt P.J. Kaiser, MWO J.E. Jacquard, Sgt E.R. McLean, Sgt B.M. Toupin, Sgt S.W. Taylor, Sgt W. Bolen, WO A.S. Estey, Sgt R.D. Maxwell, Capt E. Haverstock

Missing: Sgt A.T. Meier

CABC 90/91

This year saw the posting in of some new Patricias to CABC, not least of which is our new Commanding Officer, LCol K.A. Nette. In addition, Maj Dave Stevenson has assumed command of the Aerial Trials and Evaluations Section as well as filling the shoes of the Centre's DCO. And let's not forget Sgt Brian Toupin who has newly arrived to be an instructor at Parachute Training Company.

All the Patricias at the Airborne Centre have been kept busy training the Armed Forces in numerous parachute techniques. Parachute Training Company commanded by Maj Karl Gotthardt conducted 16 Basic Para Courses as well as Jumpmaster, Parachute Instructor and Freefall Courses. Capt Ed Haverstock conducted the Mountain Operations Instructor Course with the able assistance of another Patricia at CABC, Sgt Tony Meier. The success of this course depended a great deal on the support from 1 CBG and all concerned, especially appreciating the efforts that 1 PPCLI made to allow the course to run smoothly.

Sgt Kaiser, the lone Patricia in Aerial Delivery Training Company, has been hard at work instructing on Aerial Delivery and Drop Zone Controller Courses as well as supporting the Airforce in their Tactical Airlift.

Maj Stevenson, MWO Jacquard and WO Topham in Aerial Trials and Evaluation are always on the go, trialing some new piece of equipment or trying out new procedures and techniques. At least that's what they tell us.

In Headquarters, Capt Chris Smith keeps things running smoothly while reading fishing magazines and CWO Collier worries about his next hockey game. On the subject of hockey, the PPCLI Battle School were very fortunate indeed to achieve the tie with CABC during this years annual hockey game between the two units.

All in all, CABC has had a good year. All Patricias at CABC look forward to 1991 and hope to see more of their fellow Patricias in the future.



The Staff



The PPCLI Battle School The Conscience of the Regiment

Another year has passed and we here at the Battle School continue to provide the Regiment and Brigade with quality Infantry soldiers and dauntless junior leaders. This year has been active; 14 recruit serials have graduated, with three under way; and four serials each of ISCC, CLC and JLC. In addition to this, the School ran the Winter Warfare Instructor Course, the Rappel Master Course and controlled the Umpire Staff during Ex ON GUARD 90. Tough work, but our small, yet elite staff are always up to it (a nod to the incremental staff).



The winning Yomp Team

In a year full of accomplishments, the most notable single event was the Battle School victory in the 1990 "Sherlock Holmes Pub Yomp" held in Edmonton. The event involved running 23 km with a 12 kg pack on your back. The winning team was made up of MWO Pryce and Sergeants Adair, McCracken and O'Donnel. We congratulate you on your well-deserved victory!



The CO

LCol Stutt continues as CO for a third year and CWO Komadina ably oversees the four D's as RSM. Capt Kyle has departed the Adjutant's chair for French training in Winnipeg. The promotions this year were limited but distinctly deserved. We congratulate MWO Palmer, Sgt Kingston, Sgt Jure, Sgt Roberts and Sgt Trenholm. Besides promotions and postings, we had two releases this year with the departure of Capt Lundy and Sgt O'Donnel from the Regimental fold. Don't be strangers.

Recruit Company

1990 saw Recruit Company once again performing well its role of training Infantrymen for the Regiment. Recruit courses have remained essentially the same, although changes in scheduling beginning with Hitler Line 9011 have resulted in the better use of training days. Under the watchful eyes of Major Duncan and MWO George, the recruit training continues to stress the fundamentals: battlecraft, physical fitness, weapons training and fieldcraft. After long absentee ownership, Capt Fitzgerald has dusted off the cobwebs from the 2IC's chair.

The performance results of the 1990 QL3 Infantry courses are:

SERIAL, TOP CANDIDATE, TOP SHOT, MOST
PHYSICALLY FIT, MOST IMPROVED

Northwest Europe, Pte Twaddle, Pte Neilson, Pte McNeil, Pte Bartley Fliers-Courcelette, Pte Finer, Pte Turnbull, Pte Mansfield, Pte Martens Sicily, Pte Geerds, Pte Walker, Pte Stokes, Pte Gow San Fortunato, Pte Lloyd, Pte Woodside, Pte Smith, Pte Ashton Kapyong, Pte Chann, Pte McMeekin, Pte McMeekin, Pte Wynn Leonforte, Pte Hedges, Pte Anthony, Pte Haldane, Pte Burdy Northwest Europe, Pte Greenhall, Pte Odabachian, Pte Mawdsley, Pte MacEachern Korea, Pte MacLaren, Pte Tovey, Pte Hurshman, Pte Baxter Passchendale, Pte Gagnon, Pte Shuman, Pte Benfield, Pte Shaw Ypres, Pte Glass, Pte Fudge, Pte Glass, Pte Rickets Frezenburg, Pte Simmons, Pte Wilkinson, Pte Sox, Pte King Scarpe, Pte Gutoskie, Pte Greco, Pte Mason, Pte Hatcher France and Flanders, Pte Delyea, Pte McCall, Pte Pitcher, Pte Wercholuk Vimy, Pte Lafontaine, Pte Soukeroff, Pte Boudreau, Pte Norman.

Leadership Company

With Leadership Company's re-organization came a challenging and expanded leadership schedule for 1990. In addition to all brigade junior leadership training, the company trained Militia ISCC, JLC and CLC serials and many more are promised in the future.

Establishment of comprehensive leadership packages is well underway. Maj Cook and MWO Anderson continue to supervise all aspects of the training. The Company 2IC, Capt Lundy, has departed the school for a career as a french fry vendor on a ski hill somewhere, and his position has been assumed by Capt Wilson (where are those company directives?). WO Berridge has joined the company staff with WO Butters going to Standards (or lack thereof).



Stallone never had it so good - Rambo Run



Recruits learning the tools of the trade

Recruit Company has been involved in a number of outside activities as well. Recruits and staff represented the Battle School at the Camp Winter Carnival and again during the Camp's 50th Anniversary festivities. In addition, dependants were hosted at a wide variety of displays set up and manned by the company for our Family Day. All the "non-combatants" got to sample a small taste of army life, including the tunnels of tire town and the "death slide". Scarpe Platoon demonstrated outstanding PR skills by building a playground for a local elementary school.

One of the high points for the recruits was the visit of the new Colonel of the Regiment, MGen Pitts. He reviewed the graduation parade of Vimy and France and Flanders Platoons and addressed all ranks at the Men's Christmas Dinner. All ranks enjoyed the opportunity to speak with MGen Pitts and he provided some morale boosting advice to the aspiring Patricias, as well as providing the Officers and NCOs an opportunity to spend a long evening discussing various points of common concern.

In addition to instructing leadership training, the company conducted this year's Winter Warfare Instructors Course. Captain Lundy and WO Westacott trained the course here in Wainwright and then ventured north to the barren tundra for a practical arctic exercise. Much good training was conducted and valuable lessons learned as temperatures dropped and white-outs interfered with training. The course was a success and they were not forced to abandon anyone on the ice. The Rangers were of great assistance with the course, and the School is maintaining this close relationship.

Leadership Company was also responsible for providing the majority of staff for the ON GUARD 90 Umpire Staff. This mission was successful and with little damage. However, some damage was sustained by the CO's Bronco when it was used as an expedient obstacle breaching device.

Training continues to improve and we look forward to assisting the other units of the brigade to raise the overall level of leadership.

The results of the 1990 leadership training are:

COURSE, TOP CANDIDATE, UNIT

JLC 9001, Cpl McGuire G, 1 Cdn Div
JLC 9002, Cpl Bachuier DM, CFB Calgary
JLC 9003, Cpl Waddel IR, 1 Svc Bn
CLC 9001, Cpl Spiers WL, LdSH(RC)
CLC 9002, Bdr Tholberg RD, 3 RCHA
CLC 9003, Gnr Darling FS, 3 RCHA
ISCC 9001, Pte Stanton RW, 3 PPCLI
ISCC 9002, Cpl Hulan AK, 2 PPCLI
ISCC 9003, Pte Pickett DJ, 3 PPCLI

Administration Company

Renamed from Training Support Company, the company has done its best not to emulate the reputation of its bigger brothers in the battalions. In addition to its normal functions of supporting all school training by providing wheels, beans and bullet, the company also ran the Rappel Master courses and an Unarmed Combat Instructor Course.

The outgoing OC, Capt Niles, has left for Ottawa to work on expanding his lower extremities and his chair has been filled by Capt Turco, a renowned administrative wizard. The new OC Adm Coy has been viewed to alternate between vehicle verification and professional studies, such as Caesars Commentaries. WO Laurensen continues as CSM and all sections operate at optimum manning, less Holding Platoon, where it's difficult to piece together the walking wounded so they can perform some function (do two ineffectives add up to one effective?).

With Sgt O'Donnel's departure, the library has received new blood in the form of Sgt Downing and Pte Olson. Sgt Watson and MCpl Dadswell continue to ensure that Tpt Section is able to provide wheels enough to support training, as well as seeming to provide maintenance duties for the battalions.

The RQMS, WO Swiech, and his staff continue to run a smooth operation, however, the war in the Gulf has placed some constraints on them. Some of the staff have had to give up rucksacks and some webbing to get the recruits set up. It was hard to convince some that, as they were definitely not going to Saudi Arabia there was no need to be on 5 minutes notice to move.



JLC 9003 - Rambo Run

The small HQ staff has changed over the past year with the departure of Cpl Brooks and the arrival of Cpl Rollie from recruiting. He is involved in cleaning up the administrative errors caused by CFRS. Judy and Barb, along with Bogey continue to control the School from behind the scenes.

In summation, let me quote from The Sharp End: "The importance of the instructor is underlined by the disproportionate impact of basic training upon soldiers. It is, after all, their first experience of army life, and its events and personalities are likely to be remembered for the remainder of a man's military service, and often for long after it."

As we train, so goes the Regiment.



Demonstrating the shortest distance between two points



Broomiloo - The RSM shows his wheels



RMC 9002



Maj Duncan stealing beer at the Christmas Dinner



The CO in a PDA



PATRICIAS NORTH

By Major M. Beztilny, CD

Fear not, Hammy! The north flank of the Regiment is secure. In it's continuing pursuit for dominance in the order of battle of infantry, the Regiment now controls fully 68.3% of the Canadian land mass. Helping secure this flank are the following eight stalwarts: BGen J.E.L. Gollner - Commander, Maj Marcel Beztilny - SSO Rangers and Cadets, Maj Romas Blekaitis - SSO Operations, Capt Harold Cruickshank - SO Region Operations, Capt Don Pippolo - SO Cadets, WO Ron (Smitty) Smith - Area Cadet Instructor, WO Ken Soucie - Ranger WO and Sgt Brian White - Ranger Instructor. Members of the extended Regimental family include: Capt Zoltan Szabo - CO CFRC (former sapper 1 CER, attached to Pnr PI 1 PPCLI in Cyprus 1968 and 1971), Sgt Jim Desbarres - Senior Medical Assistant (former Med Asst 1 PPCLI), Sgt Glen Doucet - Chief Stewart (former rifleman 1 PPCLI) and Mr. Glen (Cowboy) Clouston - defends the front door as a member of civilian security firm (former Adm Clk 2 PPCLI).

The busy schedule and the sheer size of Northern Region ensure that no more than two members of the Regiment are to be found in Yellowknife at any one time, making troopings and other celebrations very difficult. Therefore, there are none.

The Regimental achievement of the year goes to WO Ken Soucie, who received the Commander Northern Region Certificate of Achievement for his outstanding performance in organizing the Old Crow (Yukon) Ranger patrol in providing a security piquet when that community was evacuated due to a major fire in July.

Despite the apparent lack of features on the tundra, life up here is anything but routine. It is not uncommon for ranger instructors to log more than 30,000 air miles per year, many of them thanks to the 9 hour long Twin Otter flight from Yellowknife to Iqaluit. In fact, there is a real conflict with priorities at times - for example WO Smith's fish catch for the year did not even come close to the 3000 pounds he had hoped for. WO Soucie has solved his own dilemma by conducting his hobby of firearms collecting while he is actually on Ranger exercises.

Former members of the Regiment continue to distinguish themselves. On 23 November 1990, Mr. Tom Eagle was appointed Citizenship Judge for the Northwest Territories, Court of Canadian Citizenship. Those who were serving in the Regiment prior to the mid-seventies will remember Tom as a sergeant.

Other routine activities included BGen Gollner dropping in for happy hour at Soviet Ice Station CP-31, approximately 600 km north of Tuktoyaktuk, after it had appeared as if by magic in Canadian Waters (or ice) last May.

Despite our isolation, visits by Gen deChastelain, MGen Sharpe and recce parties from 2 Cdo and the Battle School help remind us that there is a world out there, and the Regimental link remains unbroken.

Till next year, or when the perma-frost melts, or when the ravens head south for the winter, or whatever happens first - CUSTOS BOREALIS.



WO Ken Soucie receives the Commander's Certificate for his outstanding performance in Old Crow, Yukon



BGen Gollner checks the "ID" card of the station commander of Soviet Ice Station CP-31, while the Political Officer keeps a very close eye on things.

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ERE PATRICIAS -VANCOUVER ISLAND

Front Row:

Maj WH MacMillan (Pac Rgn Ops), Cpl KJ Vandenberg (RRMC), MWO GC Lee (Base Ops CFB Esquimalt), Maj R McLaughlin (B Ops CFB Esquimalt), LCol MR Gentles (Dir Rgn Ops/ERE Representative), MWO VJ Wooley (Coxswain RRMC), WO DT McConnell (Base Ops CFB Esquimalt), Maj AJ Lavoie (Dir of Admin RRMC), Capt DL Giacomelli (Area Cadet Offr Land).

Back Row:

MWO JP Johnston (RSS Cdn Scottish Regt), Capt GR Gauthier (Adjt Vic Mil Dist), Maj VM Douglas (Pac Rgn Ops), MCpl RA Tremblay (RSS Cdn Scottish Regt), MWO RW Scrafton (RSM Vic Mil Dist), WO DG Palmer (Fr Lang Trg), WO DW Connick (Fr Lang Trg), Capt D Oliphant (RSS Cdn Scottish Regt), Sgt JE Scott (Cdn Scottish Regt).

Absent::

Maj DC Stevens (SSO Vic Mil Dist), Capt MF MacIntosh (No 2 Sqn Comd RRMC), Capt DAB Salmon (CFRC Vic), Capt PA Weir (Fr Lang Trg), Capt JB Worth (Mgmt Consulting Svc), Sgt KE Arnold (Cdt Trg Div-Land), Sgt FW Bishop (Asst

Vancouver Area Serving Patricias

By Captain Laszlo Palhazi, CD

As these words are written near the end of January 1991, Canada is involved in its first war since Korea.

The unfolding events in the Persian Gulf are being closely monitored by all serving Patricias in the Vancouver area. Our thoughts are with all members of the Canadian Forces presently serving in the Gulf and we hope that they may soon be safely reunited with their loved ones.

The majority of Vancouver area Patricia's serve under Colonel Merv McMurray as Regular Support Staff at Pacific Militia Area. Three Patricias are presently serving at the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre in downtown Vancouver.

Pacific Militia Area will be undergoing a significant reorganization in 1991 when Headquarters Land Force Western Area assumes command and control. This reorganization will result in HQ Pacific Militia Area (HQ PMA) being restructured as HQ British Columbia District.

A significant reduction in the Regular Force component of HQ PMA will occur, so there will be fewer opportunities for service in this marvellous location beginning in APS 91.

All serving Patricias in the Vancouver area pass on their best wishes to all members of the Regimental family.

PATRICIANS AT CFB CHILLIWACK

By Capt S.E.K. Borland

Those of us working at CFB Chilliwack were looking forward to the balmy 1990/91 winter in the middle of the Fraser Valley. This, however, was definitely not the year for early spring golfing and a mild winter in what is commonly referred to as "God's Country". After a record number of consecutive days of rain last spring, a scorching summer, a wee bit of flooding (after 40 days and nights of rain!) and over 80 cm of snow in three days, many of us are wondering what's in store for the spring of 1991. The adverse weather could be a blessing in terms of training. Imagine organizing the Base to dredge and shore up the banks of the Chilliwack River. The only thing standing in the way of this endeavour is a strong lobby (the fish factor) who feel that salmon and steelhead are more important than people's homes. Another, more reasonable, alternative, given an intensive course for the public in the art of snow removal and winter driving. It certainly was a nightmare to drive outside the Base during the famous storm of 1991. The Base had, as a matter of fact, the best roads in all of the Chilliwack area!



From the land of liquid sunshine, left to right:

Capt L. Palhazi, RSS Headquarters Pacific Militia Area (HQ PMA), Cpl D.C. Howat, RSS PMA, Capt D.A. Millwater, RSS PMA, Col M.H. McMurray, COS HQ PMA, CWO L.L. Schultz, RSS HQ PMA, Capt R.A.H. Parker, Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre Vancouver (CFRC Vancouver), Capt D.R. Justice, CFRC Vancouver.

Absent: MWO J.G. Rozon, RSS PMA, Sgt W.B. Bennett, CFRC Vancouver, MCpl J.E. Markwart, RSS PMA.

In 1990, CFOCS bid farewell to Capt Ian Hunt, Capt Steve Yuzwak and Sgt Traimond. All returned to Regimental Duty. Sgt Smith was posted to the Infantry School. We all wished Maj Nick Pope (Ret'd) and WO Fall the best in their retirement. Congratulations to Sgt Paquette on his promotion! The most notable achievement this year was the appointment of RSM E.C. Simpson, MMM, CD to the Order of Military Merit in the grade of Member. Congratulations from all of us, RSM.

1991 promises to be a busy year for everyone employed here at CFB Chilliwack: LCol W.A. Dehnke, CD, Capt S. Newman, Capt B.J. Bartlett, Capt S.E.K. Borland, CWO E.C. Simpson, MMM, CD, MWO T.L. Ruck, CD, WO M.M. Lamotte, CD, WO K.R. Zack, Sgt K.R. Kay, Sgt R.G. Paquette, Sgt K.A. Patterson, Sgt J.L.P. Leger, Sgt P.W. Wiseman, CD and Cpl F.G. Smith.

All the best to Capt Bartlett, MWO Ruck, Sgt Kay and Sgt Paquette as they return to Regimental Duty and to Capt Newman who is off to Shrivenham in February 1991. We will all continue to represent the Regiment with the pride and dedication that the Patricias before us have done.



"HELLO PATRICIA'S, THIS IS LFWA HQ, OVER"

By Capt M.L. Morneault

Greetings from the Patricias at Land Force Western Area Headquarters (LFWA HQ) in Edmonton. This is the first transmission from the newest Patricia ERE out-station. The establishment of LFWA HQ began in late August 1990 with the placement of a small Implementation Cell (read advance party) in an office building adjacent to the Edmonton Municipal Airport.

As I'm sure you're all aware...this HQ, once established will misdirect; I mean, direct and control all army operations and training, both Regular Force and Militia within the Western Area. This, in geographic terms, includes all FMC formations, bases and units from Vancouver Island through the prairies to Thunder Bay. LFWA HQ will expand from 37 all ranks to over 200 personnel during the summer of 1991 and assume Region Operations responsibilities effective 1 Sep the same year.

By 1 Dec 1991 LFWA HQ will assume responsibility for all FMC resources within Western Canada. What does this mean to you? Well, it provides another posting opportunity for Patricias who wish to stay out west and away from the higher headquarters in the evil east. Bribes and/or graft will be accepted by this HQ, cut off date TBA.

Currently, there are only two Patricia's within the HQ. The G3, LCol Bill (Johnny Cadillac) Bewick and your humble narrator. Other Patricia's in the area, less those at CABC, include Capt Gerry Vida and WO Freddie Bootle working with the Area Cadet Office, Maj Jack McGee, Capt Eric Thorson and WO Al Whitehall serving as RSS with the "Loyal Eddies" and at the CFSPDB (Crowbar Hotel) Sgt Tom Seggie, MCpl Dan Ferron and MCpl Rick Thibault.

All Patricia's, this is LFWA HQ signing off for now, out.

Saskatchewan Patricias

The Saskatchewan serving Patricias are upholding the customs and traditions of the Regiment. Although small in numbers, the Patricias here are as dedicated and loyal as ever.

This past year has been quite eventful for these Patricias. They saw and participated in the yearly summer Reserve Training at MTC Dundurn and all were heavily involved with ON GUARD 90.

This past year saw WO Ron MacPhail retire and take up residence at MTC Dundurn as part of the Reserve Cadre from the Saskatchewan Militia District. Apparently he is still uttering the "M" word, (no cold feet as yet), as he is engaged to be married in August of 1991.

As well, this past year gave way to the final arrival of the new SARP Weapons that created a frenzy of activity to get everyone converted to the new weapons.

Capt Warren Stefanuk also retired this past year and remains in Saskatoon about to start a new civilian career.

Capt Dave Arnott has also taken the leap to retirement and has taken up residence in Saskatoon. Not completely drawn away from the military life, Capt Arnott is currently holding the OC position for the MTC Dundurn Reserve Cadre.

Maj Jim O'Brien also retired this past year and has become a camp follower in Winnipeg.

WO Pat Judge left Prince Albert this summer and ventured back to the good life with 1 PPCLI Calgary. Rumours have it he is lobbying for the position of the Leave Centre Warrant Officer in Cyprus AGAIN!

Serving Patricias in Saskatchewan are: MWO W.H. Brown, WO G. Gerhardt, Sgt L. Leighton, MCpl T. Whittall, and Cpl G. Sloan.

PROUD IS HAMMY

If Hammy Gault
Could see his men
How proud he'd be
All over again

Dedicated, loyal, entrusting and proud
Whether alone or in a crowd
If Hammy was here
He'd hold out his hand
And say thanks for their hard work
From every man.
D. Finn
(Ex Patricia)



Winnipeg RSS Patricias gather to welcome Major E.A. Peterson back from his year long tour with the United Nations in Latin America. This is one of the few recent pictures of Major Peterson without his parka and arctic mits.
WO Gobin, Cpl Grogan, Capt Madryga, Maj Peterson, Cpl Alcorn, MWO Colton

Ottawa Area Patricias

by Capt M.J. Parker

With a notable exception, life for Ottawa Area Patricias in 1990 returned to normal after the excitement of the 75th Anniversary celebrations; the exception being the arrival of four Captains, something of a youth movement around here, from Technical Staff Training in the United Kingdom.

The Regiment has sent officers on such training before but this year's draft represented the largest such group and the first concentrated venture into project management. The consequence of this is that the Infantry is now achieving significantly more influence on the type and nature of weapons and equipment to be fielded in the future and while this is not glamorous employment in the usual sense, it is a small but important step forward for both the Corps and the Regiment.

Thankfully, other positive aspects of the Regiment's representation here have not changed. From the CDS, through COPFD (MGen Sharpe) and CDLO (MGen Reay) to the fifty Officers and NCOs fulfilling roles such as Operations Staff Officers and Career Managers, the Regiment maintains a high profile and dominant presence in the "halls of decision", much to the chagrin of our fellow Regiments, Arms and Corps. While MGen Reay leaves NDHQ in APS 91 to assume new duties as DComd FMC, the Regimental presence here will continue with the arrival of LGen Foster who will become the Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel). Also in APS 91, CWO WP Spring leaves Ottawa to assume new duties in Calgary as RSM of the First Battalion. All Patricias here congratulate him and extend best wishes on this well-deserved appointment. CWO Spring will be succeeded as Infantry NCM Career Manager by CWO Cooke.

While Patricias serving not only in the NDHQ but also in RSS and the Land Engineering and Test Establishment (LETE), our numbers are widely dispersed around the National Capital Region but they continue to come together for the traditional monthly lunch and Regimental occasions. These events are often the only opportunity for many to keep pace with happenings in the "real world" of the Battalions and the Battle School and to reinforce the Regimental identity. In particular, seventy Officers, NCOs and members of the Association attended the March 17th dinner at the Army Officer's Mess which included after-dinner comments from General de Chastelain. On August 10th, area Patricias were accorded VIP status at the Changing of the Guard on Parliament Hill cour-

tesy of CWO D.P. Reiben. CWO Reiben is in his second year as RSM of the very popular Ceremonial Guard.

Another Ottawa Area Patricia tradition that was upheld this year was the Remembrance Day ceremony conducted at the Regimental Memorial at Lansdowne Park by our Association. The significance of the memorial, the uniqueness of the ceremony among military organizations in the region and the true family atmosphere made for a moving experience for the serving and retired Patricias and their families as well as for the representatives of the Dutch and Korean governments in attendance.

Other than the arrival of four more Regimental officers from Technical Staff Training, life for Ottawa Area Patricias in 1991 will likely again be "SOP", for better or for worse. However, all serving and retired Patricias here note the many plans of the Battalions and the Battle School and extend their best wishes for success in the coming year.

On a tragic note, the Ottawa Area Patricias mark the loss of Major Doug Arril in the Spring of 1990. The Regiment lost a dedicated officer and friend when he succumbed to leukemia after a long and courageous battle. A memorial service in his honour was well attended by both Patricias and friends from the RCMP. Major Arril will be missed.



L to R - Capt B. Flynn, Capt P. Henneberry (alias pencil arms), Capt R. Weigard, Maj B. Stewart, WO M. Snea, Maj W. Ramsden

Land Forces Central Area Implementation

On 15 December 1989 the Commander of Land Forces Central Area (LFCA) MGen R.I. Stewart issued his implementation plan designed to amalgamate the Regular Force and the Militia in Ontario into a Total Force formation. The Headquarters was to become the first of four new Area Command Headquarters as part of FMC Headquarter's decentralization of command and operations for the Total Force Concept.

The Commander's plan consisted of four phases with Phase One being the amalgamation of the CMA and LFCA Headquarters into a single staff with LCFA assuming command on 01 February 1990. 01 April was the date for Phase Two, which was the disbandment of CMA and the start of LFCA operations to include the incorporation into the area of the five Militia districts, RSS Central, the Ceremonial Guard and MTSC Meaford. The Third Phase on 01 August was the incorporation of the SSF and CFB Petawawa (including the RCR Battle School) into LFCA. The Final Phase was the incorporation of CFB Toronto and London into LFCA on 01 October 1990.

Since flexibility is a key principle of war (and reorganization), timings and plans soon bent. For instance, the CFOO schedule for 01 April occurred 15 July and Phase Two occurred 18 August heralded by the Transfer of Command parade between MGen Stewart and BGen Hall. These actions in turn forces Phase Three back to 01 September. MGen Stewart, being a hands-on commander, sorted out the delays personally, setting the plan back on track by mid-September. Thus by the Final Phase, (quoting Persian Gulf Sitreps), "all actions were proceeding according to plan" and Phase Four was completed on 01 October 1990.

Being the first fully operational new Area Headquarters it is only fitting that Patricias fill many of the key staff positions in this Headquarters situated in the heartland of that other English speaking Regiment. Besides the Commander, Patricias are employed on the G1, G3 and G5 staffs. Maj Wayne Ramsden in G1 Management has under his tutelage three officers Capt Brian Flynn, Capt Pat Henneberry and Capt Rock Weigand who together implement the Commander's personnel policies throughout the area. Maj Phil Tweedie and WO Mike Snea in G3 maintain control over operations and taskings in LFCA. Finally in G5 LCol Barry Winfield, representing the Total Force concept, is once again on full time service as a Class B callout to manage Regional Operations projects.

The year for the Headquarters has been an extremely busy one. Above and beyond the rigors of the implementation program and the production of a study on the closure of CFB London, the Commander and his staff have had to deal with normal training requirements such as On Guard 90 as well as many new operational taskings. Civil unrest in Oka, Kahnawake and Akewasane proved to be the chief concerns of the Headquarters during the summer. Also LFCA was involved in aiding the province with the Haagerstown Tire Fire as an Assistance to Civil Authorities task. These problems were closely followed by troop and equipment deployments to the Gulf for Operations Friction and Scalpel. Thus as 1990 came to an end LFCA HQ demonstrated not only that Total Force is a workable concept but that the decentralized command system can work in peace and in preparation for war.



Out of retirement - LCol B. Winfield

Quebec Region Patricias by Captain S.R. Dunn

Well another year has come and gone and once again, with the imminent visit of the career managers, thoughts turn to the hopeful posting back out west. For those of us who don't make it, there will always be our get-togethers and the Patrician to keep us in touch with events of Regimental importance.

This past year saw a large departure from our ranks and the arrival of just a few new faces while some of us, the unfortunate, had to stay. From the top...Quebec region Patricias still have a strangle hold on the Command with LGen Foster as Commander FMC. Col Almstrom remained as DCOS Ops while LCol Calvin and Tymchuk were off to Kingston and Central America respectively. Maj Diakow was pleased to start a year of French training at the Language School in St Hubert while Majs Parker and Thompson remained in their present jobs at FMCHQ. Capt Creighton spent the year in Iraq, while Capts Borland, Fredrickson, Orr, and McLean left to Chilliwack, CDLS London, Petawawa and Gagetown. Capts Drew and Minicola were posted from the St Hubert French School to FMCHQ and the 2nd Battalion R22eR in Valcartier respectively. Other hangers-on included Capt McDonald, as RSSO with the Royal Montreal Regiment, and Capt Wilson, in the FMCHQ Infantry shop. New faces include Capt Ferguson at the French Language School and Capt Ferraby RSSO of the Black Watch (RHR) of Canada. CWO Stevens moved from FMCHQ over to the Language School across the road and MWO Comeau was posted to the Second Commando in Petawawa. At St Jean the Patricia presence is maintained by Sgt Melnechuck at the CFB St Jean Language School and MCpl Marshall at the Recruit School.

Regimental activities centered upon our monthly luncheons which gave everyone a chance to exchange rumours and keep abreast of the latest PPCLI news. The highpoint of the Quebec PPCLI year has always been the Regimental Day celebrations and this year was no exception. After the traditional game of Broom-i-Loo an all ranks dinner was held. This year's game was somewhat of a mud bowl but as the ground was soft it was a little more forgiving than what normally can be expected. Another traditional FMCHQ event is the annual East-West football game which sees representatives from both Anglo infantry regiments head-to-head in intense competition. After two victorious years the West finally lost after a very tough game. The good news, however, was that the only injury

sustained during the game was by the referee who caught a cold; although, a few headaches were reported the following day (probably caused by all that RCR beer).



*Regimental Day Broom-i-Loo.
CWO Stevens get first pick of the broomball clubs.
"Who said age before beauty"?*



LCol Calvin presents a replica of BGen de Lalanne's medals to Mr. James de Lalanne, son of the late Brigadier. The original medals were donated to the PPCLI Regimental Museum and replicas were produced for presentation to Mr. J de Lalanne. A second set of duplicate medals hangs in the de Lalanne building in Work Point Barracks.

Canadian Forces Recruit School Cornwallis

How time flies when you're having fun, it seems like only yesterday I was sitting at my desk working on the article for the Regiment's 75th Anniversary. We, the Patricias from the Canadian Forces Recruit School, Cornwallis, have had yet another very productive year. As a group, we feel extremely proud to have been a part of a team, that has helped train over 3000 recruits for the Canadian Forces.

The following Patricias are serving at Canadian Force Recruit School, Cornwallis:

MWO R.W. McNaughton
WO R.P.H. Douglas
WO H.J. MacDonald
Sgt T.J. Corscadden
Sgt R.D. Evans
Sgt H.G. George
Sgt S.A. Jessop
Sgt L.P. Weber
Sgt L.T. Wood
MCpl D.J. Boutilier
MCpl T.E. Claudle
MCpl R.S. Lewis
MCpl R.G. MacDonald
MCpl D.W. MacDonald
MCpl L.E. Sandford
MCpl N. Schiavone
MCpl R.A. Wheatley
Pte G.B. McIntyre
Pte J.A. Powless

Of the above mentioned PPCLI members MCpl Schiavone is presently on his LOTP course, and we wish him the best of luck with his future employment, the Regiment will miss him.



Once again we raised the Regimental Flag to celebrate the founding of the Regiment. MCpl Sandford L.E. had the honour of raising the flag.

Training Support Company. A vast amount of the Patricias that are working in CFRS work with the Weapons Cadre within Training Support Company. Their duties become very scheduled and routine.

However they do have the advantage of coming into contact with all the recruits that come through the school in the performance of their duties.

The picture below reflects the PPCLI members of the Weapons Cadre with CFRS.



MCpl MacDonald R.G. in one of his more busy moments.



Yes! MCpl Lewis R.S. is happy at CFRS.

The French Grey Battalion

by Major Grant McNally

Greetings from all Patricias in the Gagetown area! Our year was marked by a number of activities packed with Regimental spirit...for although we're thousands of miles from Regimental HQ there certainly is no lack of Patricia esprit de corps here! The French Grey Battalion is blessed with an extremely close relationship with its retired members who comprise the Atlantic Branch of the PPCLI Association and it is thanks to their influence that our Regimental spirit is second to none.

Early in the year we were favoured with a visit from the Colonel of the Regiment, BGen RS Graham, CD (ret'd), on the occasion of his presentation of the Hamilton Gault Trophy to 2 RCR. Just to prove that he really did prefer Gagetown's climate to that of Vancouver Island he again paid us a visit in August to present the PPCLI Cap Badge to its newest members from the Phase IV Officers graduation class. Knowing that he would not return before the Change of Appointment Parade as part of Exercise Ric-A-Dam-Doo the French Grey Battalion bid BGen Graham a most fond farewell and we certainly wish both Betty and he the best of health and happiness back in Qualicum Beach.

With March and April came two highlights of the year - Regimental Day and Kapyong Day. Both activities saw excellent attendance on the part of the Atlantic Branch of the PPCLI Association. As a matter of fact it was the Branch personnel who made Kapyong Day such a vivid memory and it was hosted by a great Korean War vet, Bob Whittaker, who at the time was the President of the Branch. Bob was joined by our very own Capt Bob Parent as they gave us an audio-visual tour of the battle and its principle characters and you know that with the likes of Bob Whittaker, Eugene Macbean and Andrew Oldford we were not lacking colour commentary! There is simply no match for having the wisdom and experience of these fine men who were there and served their country and Regiment so well! On the lighter side, just to ensure that the Senior NCO's don't break the eligibility rules for Regimental Day Broom-I-Loo the Officers have every intention this year of ensuring that the designated import rule is enforced by declaring the likes of MWO "Tiny" McNaughton from Cornwallis as ineligible for play. (or perhaps considering the devastating effect on the Senior NCO's morale we should let him play afterall!)

On a sadder note, it was only three months after Kapyong Day that a magnificent member of the Regimental family and President of the Atlantic

Chapter, Bob Whittaker, passed away suddenly in July. All members of the French Grey and the Atlantic Branch will miss this dear old friend and companion.

Fall in the Maratimes saw the Annual General Meeting of the Atlantic Branch conducted in Aldershot just outside of Kentville, Nova Scotia. The members did a simply outstanding job of organizing and hosting the event which took place over the Thanksgiving weekend. Two members of the French Grey Battalion, Maj Grant McNally and Capt Nick Martyn, were in attendance as the CO of the French Grey and Secretary-Treasurer of the Branch respectively, to witness the spirit and camaraderie of the many members who attended. MGen Wilson-Smith (ret'd) and his lovely wife, Bea, were the guests of honour and we hope to see them again soon in the Fredericton area for further Regimental activities.

Earlier in the summer the French Grey bid farewell to two of its most senior members on posting, that being the Commander CTC, BGen Mackenzie and Maj Pete Hofman as well as a whole host of others who moved as part of the annual posting plot.

The last major event of the year (although it did in fact slip into the New Year) was the Change of Command of the Royal Canadian School of Infantry from Maj Tom Kontra of the RCR to LCol Shaun Tymchuk on 17 January. The night before was the traditional Mess Dinner. Few of us will ever forget having the dinner interrupted for a brief sitrep from the Commander CTC, BGen Baril, as he advised us that war had just broke out in the Persian Gulf! Also in attendance was the Colonel Commandant of the Infantry Corps, LGen Belzile, who shared with us his views on the conflict, LCol Harry Elliott was to assume command here in late July but while on Exercise in Wainwright he became very seriously ill. It was only because of his spirit and fitness that he was able to overcome his life threatening illness and we now understand that he is improving remarkably well. We all wish him a complete and speedy recovery as his condition improves day-to-day.

Well if it's possible to sum up a year's activities overflowing with spirit and Regimental pride, that about does it.

Best wishes from the French Grey Battalion and the Atlantic Branch...VP!

Our Regimental Band

By Sgt D.A. Collier

The PPCLI Band performs music that links all human beings, cultivating an awareness of our country, the Canadians Forces, and the PPCLI Regiment. The Band's music enhances Regimental self identity, cohesion, and bonds to the past. The Band communicates to the public through music, qualities of the Regiment such as pride and professionalism that other media would find difficult to do.

A mental image is created by the public of Regimental qualities, when they see and hear a military music performance. The PPCLI Band displays a finished product of the Regiment in a universal language that can be transported anywhere in the world. As General Vernon said, "The Band makes the military presence known to the public in a very positive fashion."(1)

As members of the PPCLI Regiment, the Band welcomes this opportunity to describe events that accentuate General Vernon's comment and to provide a few insights into events. The Band realized that the Regiment is not always visible to the public, and that it is not the Regiment's primary job to be so. A primary part of the Band's job is visibility, the reflected image of the Regiment. Countless times after performances, the Band has received inquiries from the public about many facets of the Armed Forces and the Regiment. These inquiries suggest that the Band is successfully communicating the qualities of the Regiment to the public. This reflected image attracts the public and stimulates many people to become members of the Canadian Forces.

The association of military bands with the public is not new. As far back as the 18th century, newspaper articles in Canada account for military bands performing on many occasions. For example, Regimental Bands stationed in Halifax during the last half of the eighteenth century supplied music for military activities and performed at various civic ceremonies. The Nova Scotia Chronicle reported in 1770 that "two bands of music" travelled to St Paul's church for the celebration of the feast of St John the Baptist.(2) In 1798, "the Final Chorus of the Messiah and the Coronation Anthem by Handel" were performed at a church service by "several gentlemen and the music Bands of the Regiments who played the organ."(3) And after the arrival at Halifax in 1794 of Prince Edward Augustus, later the Duke of Kent, his Regimental Band performed promenade concerts each Saturday morning.

Although scattered bits of information indicate that the French continued to have an active musical life, most of what is known of formal music making in Quebec after the Conquest is from British accounts. These generally indicate a heavy reliance on the musicians of military bands. One function of the bands was to perform concerts in the open air, as described in the accounts of a visitor in 1785: "We went at 7 o'clock to the Parade, a spacious opening made for Place d'Armes. Here we saw the 53rd Regiment and the 65th which are in garrison here....[The 65th] have an elegant band of music. The 53rd have one also, but not equal to the other."(11 August)

In the evening we took a walk upon the ramparts and parade. The music of the two bands and the company of so many officers must have a very great inducement for preferring this place to any other.(13 August)(4)

The PPCLI Band enhance the presence of the Regiment today, as military bands have done in the past. A partial account of an article published in the "Roundup" (1990) depicts this role played by the PPCLI Band during Armed Forces Day.

"Demonstration of the high standard of professionalism in all segments of the PPCLI Regiment occurs once a year, on Armed Forces Day. The Public gains an annual glimpse of the Regiment's professional role. Unfortunately Armed Forces Day falls but once a year. Often, public memories of these special events tend to fade. However, the Public does remember the "quality" of the Regiment's performance through the efforts of their Regimental Band. The PPCLI Band helps transcend these qualities of professionalism between Armed Forces Days by presenting public concerts to audiences locally, nationally, and internationally. In a sense, the Band takes Armed Forces Day with them, wherever they go. The pride and "Esprit de Corps", the very essence of the PPCLI, lingers on in the minds of participant and spectator alike. The Band looks forward to continued success in representing the Regiment and Canada wherever they perform. The spirit of the Regiment's accomplishments live on through the touring talents of their own Regimental Band.

it was Napoleon who said, "One good (music) march is worth one hundred cannon." Most people think that the real function of military bands is to boost morale and camaraderie. The Band agrees. In addition, military bands bridge the gap between history and the present through music. The PPCLI Band is no exception, they proudly participated in our own 75th Anniversary of the Regiment. The Band was reminded, as they paraded with the officers and men of the Regiment, that our own Band was formed in Winnipeg in 1919.

Other main events the Band participated in include, graduation ceremonies for personnel on military courses, and celebrating the arrival of Countess Mountbatten of Burma our Colonel-In-Chief. The band played a significant role in the 80th anniversary celebration for the King's own and the Highlanders with the visit of Queen Elizabeth (June, 1990). Notably, "the Queen reminded all ranks of the chain of history linking the past with the present."{5} The Band participated in commemorative ceremonies in Holland (April 1990); and played a major role in November 11th Remembrance Day ceremonies in Calgary.

Historically, regimental bands play their part in maintaining military traditions, by contributing performances to the men's mess annual Christmas dinner and other "esprit de corps" caste functions.

The Band has on occasion, speculated if this "benevolent" concept held the same prominence in Canadian military history. personal research concluded that many types of military events have historical associations. I have identified the following account and quote H.P. Biggar.

"The social tradition brought from the old country called for songs and dance music to enliven feasts. Fiddles, woodwinds, and other portable instruments that were brought by the early settlers, played on these occasions. The most famous celebrations were sponsored by the Order of Good Cheer (Ordre du bon Temps). Champlain established this social order of chivalry during the winter of 1606 - 07 to distract the colonists from cold and loneliness. In Champlain's words, it was something that "everybody found beneficial to his health, and more profitable than all sorts of medicine we might have used. This order consisted of a chain which we used to place with certain little ceremonies about the neck of one of our people, commissioning him for that day to go hunting. The next day it was conferred upon another, and so on in order".{6} Lescarbot provides details of the ceremony at the evening meal: "for that was our chief banquet, at which the ruler of the feast or chief butler...having had everything prepared by the cook, marched in, napkin on shoulder, wand of office in hand, and around his neck the collar of the Order, which was worth more than four crown; after him all the members of the Order each carrying a dish. The same was repeated at dessert, though not always with so much pomp. And at night, before giving thanks to God, he handed over to his successor in charge the collar of the Order, with a cup of wine, and they drank to each other".{7}

{4} Joseph A. Hadfield, an Englishman in America, 1785, ed. Douglas S. Robertso (Toronto: Hunter-Rose, 193).

{5} Sentinel: Magazine of the Canadian Forces, Colourful Ceremony, by Lt. Barry Agnew, pg. 23 Vol. 26, No. 4, 1990.

{6} Works, trans, and ed. H.P. Biggar (Toronto: The Champlain Society, 1922 - 36, 1: 447 - 48.

It appears characteristically, that some of the regiment's celebrations are not all that dissimilar, i.e. the men's Christmas dinner.

The "Order of Good Cheer" alludes to the participation of musicians. I am sure, although it is not mentioned in this account, that the musicians valued their feelings of association in this chivalrous role. The PPCLI Band definitely valued their role December 1990, when they performed the second annual Christmas concert at the Jack Singer Hall in Calgary to a near capacity audience. The price for admission?...gifts,...presented to the needy children of Calgary. The event held an additional bonus. People commented to musicians after the concert, that they were proud to be associated with the Regiment.

Another role the PPCLI Band performs regularly is "reviving memories". The Band was called upon to perform music that reflected the tragedies and solemnness of WWII, during a recent visit to Holland. The Band experienced "shadows of memories" pass over faces of many WWII veterans on several occasions. Perhaps, they were linking the Band with memories of the past...their own?...their Regiment?...their lives? One can only guess. The Band heightened everyone's feelings on this tour. Music seems to transcend politics and war, by its appeal to human emotion. Through the Band's musical performances, they successfully reflected the emotion of events, whether it was in the past or in the present. I have included an article from the "Roundup">{8} that describes this particular tour, titled "A Celebration of Peace". It is an appropriate conclusion, in that it exhibits music as a catalyst linking human beings across history, time zones, and societal borders.

April 19, 1945.

Yesterday in Germany and back today in Holland. We move into Arnhem and it's a mess. It fell two days ago after heavy artillery shelling and house to house fighting. Only buildings left in any fair condition are on the edge of the city and the civilians are walking around in a daze, starving to death. One wonders if the price of liberation is worth all this...{9}.

Forty five years later, the answer to this Canadian soldier's diary entry continues to be acknowledged. Yes, it is worth it. The sincere Dutch appreciation of the liberation of Holland is still evident by their genuine special hospitality extended to all Canadians today. The surviving Dutch generation not only continues to cherish this event but strive to enhance their children's comprehension of it. Through this conscious effort their children better

understand what peace, freedom, and liberation are all about. All those participating in the Netherlands' 45th anniversary liberation commemoration ceremonies became more cognizant to the cost of that freedom.

Apeldoorn, a city that owes its liberation to Canadian soldiers (April 17, 1945) hosted most of the commemoration functions in which the band played a significant role. Other participants included the Department of Veterans Affairs, an estimated 3,500 war veterans from across Canada, Dutch royalty, and 300,000 Dutch citizens. The weather complemented the occasion in this beautiful city, setting the stage for one of the most memorable tours in recent Band history. A sharp contrast to conditions 45 years ago.

The National Commemoration March of Liberators proved to be the highlight event for all those involved. The parade commander was General G. Kitching the defence staff member of the 1st Canadian Division in 1945, and H.R.H. Princess Margriet of Holland took the salute. Holland's Minister of National Defence and many other dignitaries also attended. The procession wound its ways through Apeldoorn, during which people invaded the ranks, shaking vet's hands and conveying their appreciation. People actually crowded the parade to a halt on several occasions.

The Royal Apeldoorn Tattoo held near the Het Loo Royal Palace presented a spectacular event that added to this celebration of peace. Bands from several countries demonstrated their talent in elaborate musical displays in this exposition. The PPCLI Band executed an intricate march design while performing music ranging from classical to jazz. According to many citizens, the PPCLI Band was decidedly the best of the five participating bands. The audience, numbering in the thousands applauded the Band's performance as if sensing the pride felt by the Band in representing Canada and the PPCLI Regiment.

{7} Lescarbot, New France, quoted in Champlain, Works, 448, note 1.

{8} Sergeant Dennis Collier, Roundup: The voice of The Army of the West , Vol. 2, No. 12, June 13, 1990.

{9} W. Ray Stephens, The Harps of War, published by the Frederick Harris Music Co. Ltd., Oakville, Ont., 1985.

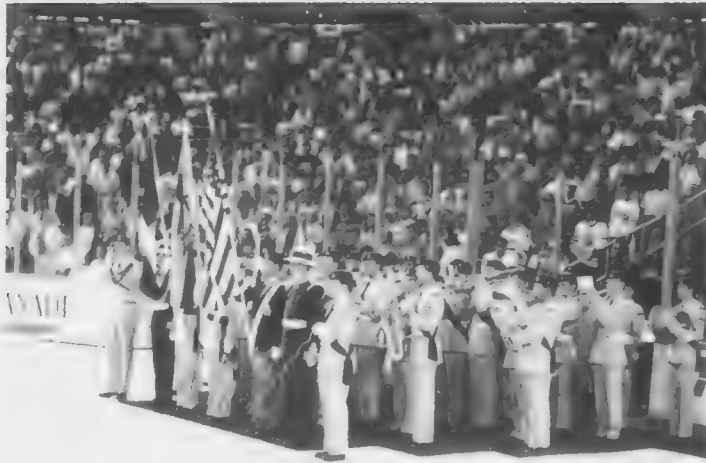
In 1945 following liberation, many Canadian soldiers stayed in Apeldoorn for a short period of time. They relaxed in different places such as the Country Club, Park Plaza Hotel, Park Lane Club, Moonlight Gardens, Kit Kat Club, and the Canadian Club. As in the past the restored Canadian Club again served as a meeting place for Canadians. The PPCLI Band took advantage of the opportunity to meet informally with many of the Dutch people and Canadian veterans. It was an education talking with them as they relived their experiences and quizzed us about army life as we know it today. Time did not exist, the last 45 years just slipped away as these soldiers reminisced. Humour and old girl friends seemed to dominate conversations, and surprisingly there was very little reference to the horrors and tragedies. We talked to the veteran who met his old girlfriend on this trip, for the first time since the war. The story made the newspaper, "no doubt" much to his wife's chagrin. Conversations included my own father's involvement in Regimental activities, in and around Apeldoorn. Having these particular veterans send my father an invitation to attend the Dieppe Reunion in 1992, personalized this soldier's tour.

The PPCLI Stage Band performed for the Liberation Ball at the Canadian Club. A full house turned out to this function and people found it very difficult to find a place to sit, let alone dance. The city newspaper "Nieuwe Apeldoorn Courant" commented on this function, also the PPCLI Band's involvement in other activities; the PPCLI Band's versatility...PPCLI Band dazzled the young generation and brought back memories to the older generation...perfect rendition of Louis Armstrong of a very appropriate tune "What a Wonderful World" (Sergeant Mike Broadley), authentic Glenn Miller songs stirred old memories...public recognized and appreciated the wonderful talents of the The PPCLI Band...and finally the paper summed up, The PPCLI Band bestowed the honour and first class professionalism befitting the veterans who liberated Apeldoorn.

Commemorative ceremonies were held at the three Major Canadian War Cemeteries in Holland, Bergen-Op-Zoom, Holten, and Groesbeek, where the Dutch meticulously maintain the 7000 plus graves of Canadian soldiers. The emotional intensity present at the cemeteries is in itself a tribute to how deeply memories are still alive in Canada and the Netherlands. Emotions bear witness to sacrifices not forgotten. The ceremony at Westerbork, was heart wrenching. During the war, 160,000 Jewish people were processed and shipped out by rail to be executed. The emotion further intensified by the Rabbi, as he paused in his prayers to fight back tears. Effects of this pause ran through the

assembly like a cold knife. We can only image the destitution, horror and terror that these Dutch Jews experienced.

I could not help thinking, why is the Band here? Why were bands present in 1945? One would question a symbol of peace present during a war. Yet in peace, as in war, music serves as a catalyst for marking a moment in time. During the war military bands were soldiers set to music. Route marches, church parades, concerts, victory parades through both defeated and liberated towns and cities. Any tune or style of music seems to make a time for everyone regardless of who they are. Music draws people together in a common moment of thought, emotion, and on this particular tour, memories. Since biblical times military bands have boosted morale and marked events in history. Events beseech music, it seems that they are not significant without it. I cannot think of a better way to parade our pride and professionalism in a Regiment and country than via a military band.



STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS HONOUR THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT

-The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) was honoured during their 75th Anniversary celebrations on May 20th, 1990, when the Edmonton Oilers hockey club asked the Regiment to play the National Anthems at the game between the Oilers and the Boston Bruins. The massed bands of the Loyal Edmontons and the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry played before a packed house of 17,000 and world-wide estimated audience of 15 million fans.

STERLING SILVER WALKING STICK FOR THE COLONEL-IN-CHIEF

The Colonel-In-Chief, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, receives her Regimental Honour from the Loyal Edmonton Regiment's (4 PPCLI) Commanding Officer LCol Glen Jones during the Regiment's 75th Anniversary celebrations May 18-21, 1990. A member of the Royal Family, the Colonel-In-Chief flew from London, England to join some 800 members of the Regimental family for the 3-day get-together.



THE LOYAL EDDIES OLD GUARD PASSES BY -

Some 800 members of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) turned out for the 3-day 75th Anniversary celebrations of the Regiment in downtown Edmonton May 18-21, 1990. During the Freedom of the City Parade the "Old Guard" stepped out and marched past the Colonel-In-Chief, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma on Sunday May 20th. The Old Guard, in column of route, stretched for five city blocks during the parade.



LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT (4 PPCLI) COLOURS DIPPED IN SALUTE TO 75 YEARS OF SERVICE -

Some 800 Regimental members took part in the May 18-21, 1990, 49th Battalion/Loyal Edmonton Regiment, 75th Anniversary celebrations. Three "Originals" from 1915 attended the 3 days of festivities. The Regiments' Colonel-In-Chief, The Countess Mountbatten of Burma flew in from London, England for the Anniversary.

PAUSE TO REMEMBER FALLEN COMRADES -

Three different generations pause to honour the fallen members of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI) during a Cenotaph Ceremony, in downtown Edmonton, May 20, 1990 during the Regiments 75th Anniversary Celebrations. Colonel Jim Stone a World War Two Commanding Officer raises his hat in salute, Honourary LCol Robert Chapman, currently serving and World War One veteran Dave Barbour, 97 years-old of Victoria, BC, holder of the Distinguished Service Medal and the Military Medal represented the 800 members of the Regimental Family who took part in the Anniversary celebrations.





FREEDOM OF THE CITY GIVEN OK BY ACTING MAYOR -

Acting Mayor, Alderman Bruce Campbell gives LCol Glen Jones, Commanding Officer, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI), permission to fix bayonets, fly their Colours and beat their drums through City of Edmonton streets on May 20th, 1990. The Regiment exercised their right to freedom as part of the Regiments 75th Anniversary celebrations May 18-21. Close to 800 Regimental Family members participated in the 3-day anniversary. The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, the Regiments Colonel-In-Chief flew to the city from London, England to be with her Regiment. The last remaining Loyal Regiment in the Commonwealth.

COLONEL-IN-CHIEF REVIEWS HER REGIMENT... THE LAST LOYAL REGIMENT IN THE COMMONWEALTH -

The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, The Colonel-In-Chief of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI), flew from London, England to be with her Regiment during their 75th Anniversary celebrations May 18-21, 1990. The Loyal Edmonton Regiment is the last LOYAL Regiment left in the Order of Battle in the Commonwealth. LCol Glen Jones, Commanding Officer of the "Loyal Eddies" accompanied The Countess during her inspection of a 100-member Royal Guard on May 20th, in downtown Edmonton.



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75th ANNIVERSARY



75TH ANNIVERSARY -
THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT (4 PPCLI)

The Victoria Day long weekend, May 18-21, 1990 was the focal point of the 75th Anniversary celebrations of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4 PPCLI). This was the culmination of several years planning and preparation involving many of the Regiment's senior members, as well as personnel in the PPCLI Regimental Headquarters and Battle School.

Approximately three years earlier, our Commanding Officer, LCol David Nielsen initiated the planning of our 75th Anniversary, as well as confirming our participation in the PPCLI 75th Anniversary celebrations taking place throughout 1989.

Since our location in Edmonton would provide us the opportunity to represent the PPCLI in this city, it was decided that we would combine with the PPCLI Battle School and exercise the Freedom of the City on June 10, 1989. This worked well for the Battle School and ourselves, and because of our relatively smaller numbers, allowed us to field a reasonably large parade to represent the PPCLI on this occasion. It also gave the new CO, LCol Glenn Jones, the opportunity to cement an already good relationship with the Battle School, thus ensuring success for future combined activities.

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment was originally formed as the 49th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force on January 4th, 1915, by Lieutenant-Colonel (later Major-General) W.A. "Billy" Griesbach. As January in Edmonton does not lend itself well to outdoor parades and other activities, the Victoria Day long weekend was chosen as an appropriate time to center all our celebrations around.

Detailed planning began in the fall of 1989 and we quickly realized the magnitude of the project we had undertaken. Although small in number, the Battalion Headquarters soon had enlisted the aid of most of the senior Officers and NCO's in the unit to assist us in this task.

We also enlisted the aid of the Battle School and asked that they provide a 50 man guard for the parade - this was Phase II of our combined operation of a year earlier. As May drew near, we finalized details with the Battle School and began parade rehearsals, which included a weekend on the parade square in Wainwright. One problem not yet resolved was the PPCLI Regimental Band which was touring Europe and was expected back

in time for our celebrations. They almost didn't make it, but eventually arrived only a few hours before the parade, very tired from their hurried journey back to Canada, with their instruments, but without their scarlets.

The Colonel-in-Chief, the Countess Mountbatten of Burma, had arrived in Edmonton earlier in the week and was the guest of honour at the Sir Winston Churchill Society Dinner on Thursday evening, May 17th. Our Honourary Lieutenant-Colonel Bob Chapman and the LCol Jones welcomed Lady Patricia on Friday morning, May 18th, and we now assumed responsibility for her well-being until her departure Monday morning, May 21st.

The weekend's activities now got underway in earnest. The Provincial Government hosted a Luncheon at Government House where Lady Patricia was the guest of honour. Friday night was the Officers' Dining-In at the Mayfair Golf and Country Club, with the Lieutenant-Governor, Helen Hunley in attendance. Saturday morning was the final parade dress rehearsal at Griesbach, then we attended a "Welcome Home" Reception hosted by the City of Edmonton at the Convention Center. During this time Lady Patricia flew to Wainwright to visit the Second Battalion in the field.

Saturday night the All Ranks Balls was held at the Convention Center. During this event Lady Patricia graciously spoke with two of our "originals", Dave Barbour, age 94 (now deceased), and Dave Petrie, age 97. We were also very pleased to have with us Colonel "Big Jim" Stone, well known to many Patricias, and MGen G.G. Brown and Mrs. Brown.

Sunday morning we were up bright and early (although a little bleary eyed) for the Church Parade at All Saints' Anglican Cathedral. From there, we formed up the guards and bands and marched to the Citadel Theatre, where Acting Mayor Bruce Campbell welcomed the Regiment. At this point the CO presented the City of Edmonton Police Pipe Band replicas of the original 49th Battalion Pipe Band cap badge to commemorate our affiliation back to our founding.

Upon her arrival, Lady Patricia received the Regimental Salute and then inspected the parade. The "Old Guard", approximately 200 strong, and the Cadet Guard then fell in and we marched to the Cenotaph where wreaths were layed in honour of our fallen comrades. From the Cenotaph we then marched several blocks through downtown Edmonton exercising the Freedom of the City, granted to us on June 5th, 1965.

After the parade, everyone journeyed out to Camp Harris, the unit's prperty on the western outskirts of the city, for the Annual Association Picnic. Unfortunately the mosquitos were in fine form, byt the lovely weather and country setting more than made up for it.

Sunday morning Hon LCol Chapman and LCol Jones bade farewell to Lady Patricia. She had been a most gracious and charming honoured guest who was genuinely interested in her Fourth Battalion. It was truly an honour and a pleasure to have her in attendance.

Our celebrations were now coming to a close, and culminated with a Brunch at the Convention Center, where many weary participants bade their

farewells. All in all, a very active and full weekend.

These celebrations must be considered a great success. The cooperation and support received from all members of the PPCLI family greatly assisted us, and further proved the value of our affiliation. Sincere thanks are offered to the Colonel of the Regiment, BGen Graham and Mrs. Graham, as well as the Regimental Major, Michael Goodspeed, and the Regimental Adjutant, Capt Rudy Raidt. Special thanks to the Battle School, particularly LCol Hap Stutt and all his officers and men who participated on our parade. The Regimental Band, combined with our own unit band, did an outstanding job as usual. We in the Loyal Edmonton Regiment look forward to any and all future activities of this kind. It was a very large job, but well worth the effort.



THE ROYAL GREEN JACKETS

Happily, 1990 has been a busy and productive year for the Regiment which includes our three regular and two territorial battalions. Our training Depot at Winchester is of course shared with the Light Infantry with whom together we form the Light Division. the Depot is the home of the two Regiments so as you can imagine the activity between outposts are numerous and no month could possibly be considered dull. Training recruits is still the Depot's bread and butter, with added problems of the vagaries of the New Management Strategy. This new system is a move towards greater financial efficiency and accountability. Whilst it has drawbacks such as the re-naming of Company Commanders to 'Cost Centre Managers' it has focused everyone's minds much more on the business aspects of soldiering. Furthermore, we have moved to a system of monthly recruit intakes which adds a certain amount of pressure to the Administrative Staff but should result in a more regular draft of recruits to each battalion. All these changes take time to implement but we are confident that with hard work and a degree of Light Division 'cuffmanship', the results will be good.

The 1st Battalion, still at Osnabruck, became heavily involved early in the year with Project Star, a BAOR reservist exercise which stretched manning and humour to the limits. February heralded the start of the annual Brigade and Divisional CPXs which were more constrained than ever by environmental issues, a thread that has woven itself more forthrightly into all our training in recent months and looking to get even more restrictive. The all arms battlegroup training progressed well at Soltau in preparation for Canada. the majority of the Battalion flew to Canada towards the end of July to start Exercise Medicine Man 4 at Suffield. Letter A Company returned from leave as we departed, to deploy to Suffield at the end of August with 4 RTR BG. For 1 RGJ BG, special to arm training kept us all busy during the early phases of the exercises. The exercise lasted about a fortnight, and was accompanied throughout by first class weather. Towards the end of the exercise the Battle Group undertook some fast-moving and demanding exercises, mechanical reliability permitting. We handed over all the vehicles to 4 RTR BG with A Company, and took about five days leave in Canada.

The Officers' Mess moved to Calgary, and spent a very pleasant evening with 1 PPCLI. This event was enjoyed by all, and was set up by a number of past and present exchange officers, as well as both Commanding Officers.

Shortly after reassembling the majority of the Battalion in Osnabruck, a flurry of signals heralded events which have affected the entire Battalion. A force of Letter B Company and Support Company was warned off to deploy with the Queen's Dragoon Guards to Saudi Arabia with the Americans. As events unfolded, 7 Armd Bde was sent, and within hours 1 RGJ were asked for instructors, reinforcements and equipment to bring 7 Armd Bde up to wartime establishment. Currently some 66 members of the Battalion are serving on Op GRANBY. The battalion spent some three to four weeks helping 7 Armd Bde with refresher training on NBC, first aid, fitness and live firing, as well as assistance with painting a large proportion of the Brigade's 1500 vehicles.

As this is being written, commitments include a reinforced company at Emden docks, guarding elements of 4 Armd Bde as their vehicles and supplies embark for the Gulf.

While the Second Battalion has had another varied and challenging 12 months, the main highpoint of the year has been participation in EXERCISE POND JUMP WEST in Wainwright, Canada in July-August 1990.

The first 3 months of the year were devoted to a series of internal cadres, which included one for junior NCOs to build on skills learnt on the Section Commanders Battle Course. Throughout the period they were on call, and at reduced notice to move, to meet a variety of contingency plans in mainland Britain. But not all was hard work; 80 members of the Battalion took part in centrally organized week long skiing trips to either Italy or France. This increased skiing expertise proved fortuitous as, despite the distance from Dover, we had to despatch 2 companies to Scotland to help run the Army Ski Championships during the period.

Though May and June were therefore essentially devoted to training, the ceremonies on 23 May to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Defence of Calais in 1940 by battalions of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, The Rifle Brigade and Queen's Victoria Rifles former regiments of The Royal Green Jackets. The day's events included a service and march past by the veterans and representatives from all 5 battalions at the Green Jacket Memorial, a reception by the Mayor of Calais, a band and bugle display and a cocktail party on board the 'Sir Belvedere'. It was a most successful, and moving, day.

In early July, the Battalion, reinforced by, amongst others, 76 Field Battery Royal Artillery and a composite troop from 53 Squadron, Royal Engineers, air trooped to Canada for EXERCISE POND JUMP WEST. In this, each company completed a series of packages lasting from 5-7 days; section and platoon level dry and live firing exercises, a Battalion Headquarters' organized level dry and live firing exercise which in a deliberate company live firing attack, adventure training in the Rocky Mountains and a brief period of leave in Edmonton. The culmination of the 5 weeks in Canada was a 72 hour Battalion Exercise, in which fieldcraft, battle procedure, navigation and watermanship skills were tested thoroughly. In all, expectations of the value of the Exercise were met in full; Wainwright is an excellent training area, the Rockies are spectacular and the adventure training facilities first class, and the citizens of Edmonton hospitable to a fault.

Colonel Anthony Palmer handed over Command to Colonel Nick Cottam on 17 September. Coincidentally, on Colonel Anthony's last full day, a rededication service was held at the Memorial in Dover to the fallen of the 1st 60th Rifles during the Indian Campaign of 1856-9, at which Field Marshal Bramall took the salute. The service was followed by a sounding of retreat, accompanied with a spectacular fireworks display on Dover seafront. The forging of our links with 2 GR during the campaign were very much in mind, and it was a fitting way to mark 2 RGJ's departure from Dover early in the New Year.

At the time of writing the Battalion is fully engaged in training for Northern Ireland in '91 and look forward to the tour in the Province as just another challenge.

For the past year the 3rd Battalion has continued its tour as the last Resident Battalion in Gibraltar. They have been kept surprisingly busy on what many believe to be a sunshine posting. Training facilities on the Rock are limited so the Rifle Companies and I Company have taken part in two periods of overseas training during the year. These exercises, where each company went away in turn, proved to be both popular and rewarding. The first, a month in England last summer gave us a chance to revise skills at platoon level and take our annual mandatory tests. The second, a two week exercise in Portugal in the spring, gave us a marvellous opportunity to carry out rather more advanced training in a counter-revolutionary setting in a remote and underused training area. This was in complete contrast to Gibraltar where our main duties are either Ceremonial or Security tasks. To this end we have provided the guard for the six monthly Ceremony of the Keys - a tableau of the traditional ritual of locking the Fortress at last light and posting an Outpost Platoon as sentries outside the city walls.

The largest ceremonial event of the year has been the Queen's Birthday Parade in June. Three guards commanded by the Commanding Officer had to go through the full spectrum of drill movements including a double past. The spectators were kind in their praise, although after the amount of practices held they would have hardly dared say anything else.

After the IRA attack in Gibraltar in 1988 the idea of living away from the terrorist threat has been dispelled. There is a regular requirement to mount security operations in support of the small local police force and we maintain a constant standby company. We have to work closely with both the Royal Navy and the Air Force and have become far more purple than this time last year.

Among the most notable events outside our normal routine have been two battlefield tours of the Peninsula War. In November we retraced the steps of Sir John Moore's retreat to Corunna after visiting the 1812 battlefield at Salamanca which is still very well preserved. This was followed in May by a trip to the fortress towns of Badjos and Ciudad Rodrigo and a number of the Portuguese battles including Bussaco. Both trips were fascinating and brought to life the traditions established for us by our forbears.

Aside from the major events we continue to enjoy life on the Mediterranean, the advantages of Gibraltar are numerous; trips into Souther Spain, the Algarve, Morocco, adventure training including climbing, caving and water sports, all outweigh what for some may seem a claustrophobic and restrictive environment. Lt Col Peter Browne has now handed over to Lt Col Jamie Balfour as Commanding Officer, and has moved with our best wishes, into civilian life.

The 4th and 5th Volunteer Battalions continue to thrive following successful annual camps, a shared Skill at Arms Meeting and testing exercises. Recruiting figures are encouraging for both officers and rifleman (of both sexes!). It can be said with confidence that the presence of the Regiment in the City of London and the two counties of Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire is well known and, hopefully will continue to be felt.

1991 has now poked its head around the battlements and in the light of current affairs throughout the world many developments are looming. We all face "Options for Change" and the immediate crisis in the Gulf with varying degrees of misgiving. Our one firm conviction, however is that those Green Jackets, some seventy, who face the challenges and dangers of confrontation in the Middle East will acquit themselves as true Riflemen just as they always have in the past.

Today, Thursday 17 January 1991 as this Newsletter goes to print, War in the Gulf has just been declared. There is no doubt that in terms not just of argument but of human values, those who have come best out of the drama of the past few months have been those who have displayed calm

resolution. And thank heavens there have been a great many of them, from our leaders to those men and women in the front line who say, "We don't want War, but this is what we have trained to do, and we must now get on with it".

The fact that so many people have been able to show this kind of quiet realism and a determination, whatever the horrors may be store, to do what they see to be the right thing has been profoundly inspiring. And now, as the day of reckoning at last arrives, it is the recollection of that courageous dedication which we must bear in mind - whatever the outcome.



THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT 1990

1990 saw the relocation of the Regimental Headquarters, The Royal Australian Regiment, from the national capital, Canberra, to the Infantry Centre in Singleton, New South Wales, as part of Army's plan to have Heads of Corps with their respective training establishments. In addition to being the Commandant of the Infantry Centre, Colonel Peter Cosgrove, AM, MC, has assumed the added responsibility of being the Regimental Colonel, The Royal Australian Regiment and Head of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

No sooner had the Battalion returned from leave when Bougainville flared up and Operation Defence got into full swing. B Company were earmarked as a reserve force and others were actually detached to 2/4 RAR to help raise their overall strength. Though not deployed the whole activity once again proved that, regardless of who is "on line", as members of the Operational Deployment Force (ODF) we must all be ready to move at short notice.

With events in Australia's area of interest, training in 1990 was focused on the Section Commanders and wherever possible in close country.

The first major activity was the individual and section training conducted at Koombaloo. Training was left entirely in the hands of the Section Commanders who responded to the challenge. The training phase culminated in a test of individual and section skills, run at various stands from Koombaloo to Cowley Beach. The exercise will perhaps be best remembered for B Company's submerged rifle (which took quite some finding), the various "shortcuts" taken off the escarpment and for the Battalion 2IC who, when contemplated doing the route march and asking about the conditions, was told there was a wonderful breeze channelled by the roads.

Coral Day was another spectacular ceremonial event. The sky was black with Blackhawks as the Battalion flew onto parade in a symbolic representation of the fly into FSPB CORAL in 1968. The

parade was followed by an open day which was even more successful than last year's. It was so good in fact that the Commanding Officer was nominated as the Barnham and Bailey of the Brigade Open Day conducted in October.

The Battalion returned to the jungle in July for a platoon competition pitched at testing the platoons in offensive low level operations in close country. The Operations Officer had searched all of North Queensland for the right piece of terrain to run the exercise. He finally settled on Bluewater, now well known in the Battalion for its beautiful vistas, gentle rolling hills and clear rainforest (at least that's how it was in BHQ's area).

The Battalion deployed straight from Bluewater to High Range for the annual Live Firing Exercise, and from there straight back to Paluma for the Annual Field Exercise. There were many highlights. The Battalion honed its close country fighting skills and passed the ODF Test with flying colours. The exercise will be remembered for D Company's epic trek along the Bambaroo Track (amongst other places) which is now famous as the 1990 D-Tour. It will also be remembered for the vegetation being so thick that it tore the shirts from the backs of snipers following a contact (that's their story anyway).

Services Protected Evacuation was the theme of Exercise SWIFT EAGLE 90. This is a new area of training for the Brigade as a whole. The Battalion worked very well to achieve good results on the exercise, its first big test on the "on line" Battalion.

We had a particularly busy two weeks after the September break. Not only were we rehearsing madly for the Trooping of the Colours Parade to celebrate the Battalion's 45th Birthday, but we also took on the lion's share of work for the Brigade Open Day. Both activities were outstanding successes.

The courses period in October and November were busy for everyone. Over 400 members of the Battalion gained specialist or promotion qualifications, while the remainder pitched in with duties and the odd adventure training activity.

The year was full of other highlights. Most noteworthy were the victories of the Rugby and Australian Rules teams in their respective competitions. On the military side, the success of the Duke of Gloucester Cup team lead by Cpl Marsh was an outstanding achievement. The team reversed last year's results to finish first overall and second in the McDonald Cup Competition for night operations.

Overall the year has been a very busy but rewarding one. The Battalion continues to display the same military and sporting skills which have been the hallmarks of 1 RAR in the past.

2/4 RAR

The Battalion began the year as the priority Battalion of the Operational Deployment Force (ODF). The training theme for 1990 was "Back to Jungle".

During February and March individual skills training concurred, culminating in the inter-section military skills competition. Reconnaissance Platoon provided the winning section.

During April and May, platoon and company level training was conducted. Air mobile procedures with the Blackhawk Helicopter were rehearsed. Search and destroy operations in a jungle environment were rehearsed. A Battalion Exercise was held during July. This exercise involved company live firing practices and deployment to a jungle area of operations.

In August the Battalion celebrated its 17th birthday with a week of ceremonial and social activities. Highlights of this week were a dusk ceremonial

parade with fireworks and the Battalion all ranks ball.

During late August the Battalion participated in the Brigade Exercise. Action included an amphibious landing, search and destroy in a jungle area of operation and a Brigade live fire attack.

Battalion headquarters deployed to Kota Bharu Malaysia in October to participate in Exercise SUMAN WARRIOR. This exercise was a Command Post Exercise conducted with defence forces of the five power defence arrangement.

Battalion Specialist and promotion courses were conducted during October and November.

B Company deployed to Butterworth Malaysia in December for a three month term as the Duty Company at Airbase Butterworth.

3 RAR

The Third Battalion's activities for 1990 began with the various Companies being independently deployed throughout Eastern Australia and overseas to Malaysia and Hong Kong. Their focus was on hard infantry training and parachute operations. The culmination of the year's training came in October with the Battalion parachute assault into the Brigade exercise "Predators Advance 1990". There the Parachute Battalion Group convincingly demonstrated its strategic capability to the Australian Defence Force by seizing a crucial bridgehead which allowed for the First Brigade armoured/mechanized breakout.

The year also saw the 75th anniversary of the ANZAC landing in Gallipoli and the Battalion was well represented at a number of ceremonial activities. Amongst 3 RAR's 1991 ceremonial activities will be the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong on the 24th of April. At this time we will be reminded of our military heritage, particularly our strong associations with our sister Battalion, the 2nd PPCLI and with the other Battalions of PPCLI.

For the coming year the Commanding Officer, Officers and Soldiers of the Third Battalion "Old Faithful" wish you all the best and good soldiering.

5/7 RAR

1990 has been another challenging but productive year for 5/7 RAR (Mech). In this, our seventeenth year, the Battalion has achieved commendable results both in the field and in barracks.

In June the Battalion took part in Exercise PREDATOR'S CRAWL, which was a Brigade CPX. PREDATOR'S CRAWL proved to be a good lead up the Exercise PREDATOR'S ADVANCE which was the Battalion's major deployment for the year.

The Duke of Gloucester Cup was foremost in everyone's mind throughout July and the Battalion team finished 6th. The fact that all the teams were within a few points of each other is a credit to how hard the competition was fought by all the Battalions.

Delta Company returned from Malaysia after three months solid training and with hardly any time to settle back into the mechanized routine, deployed with the rest of the Battalion on Exercise QUINTAS ROAR.

After a short three week break the battalion deployed to Puckapunyal again, to take part in Exercise PREDATOR'S ADVANCE 90. This was the Battalion's largest deployment since KANGAROO 89 and the biggest exercise the Brigade had seen for some time. PREDATOR'S ADVANCE 90 provided another opportunity for 5/7 RAR (Mech) to demonstrate the mechanized infantry capability, which it did competently and professionally.

PREDATOR'S ADVANCE 90 marked the end of the training year for 1990, and except for several courses that the unit was involved in, the Battalion prepared for Christmas break.

The end of 1990 also saw the CO, LCol R.J. Margetts, leave the Battalion for a posting in the United States. With the new year and the Battalion in fine shape after Delta Company's dedicated work over the Christmas/New Year period the Battalion welcomed its new CO, LCol P.A. Pedersen.

5/7 RAR (Mech) looks forward to another busy and successful year in the remainder of 1991.

6 RAR

1990 was another busy and successful year for 6 RAR. The pressures felt with a dwindling manpower resource resulted in B Coy being disbanded upon their return from Malaysia in March. The 75th Anniversary of the Anzac Landing at Gallipoli allowed selected members of the Battalion a chance to walk the first major battlefield of the Australian Army. Troops from the Battalion assisted in the clearance and damage repair to Charleville/Cunnamulla to assist after the floods of April. June was a full month as the Battalion celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a march through

Brisbane after being granted the "Freedom of the City". The day was an excellent success and an ideal opportunity for a reunion of past/present members. The month was ended with an 80 hour route march, the first of many, with each man carrying 30 kg and completed in 30 hours.

The Battalion was once again dominant on the sporting field, with wins in the Rugby A Grade, Australian Rules, Soccer, Cricket, Swimming and Cross-Country, all within 6 Brigade. Soldiers from the Battalion competed and won the Gurkha Trophy (rifle shooting within the Regiment), Sniper Concentration and AASAM 90 (the annual Army shooting competition).

The year ended with a new march in of soldiers and the opportunity to reraise B Company to bring the Battalion closer to peacetime strength.

8/9 RAR

1990 started as a year of consolidation after the unit's participation in Exercise KANGAROO 89. However the Battalion was tasked with providing the Australian Army Project Team - Papua, New Guinea to train 300 recruits for the Papua New Guinea Defence force. The team deployed to PNG in July and returned to Australia on 23 Dec 90, having successfully completed their mission.

Throughout the year the unit training focused on operations in close country, with particular emphasis on field firing. This culminated in Exercise OTBO, conducted in Shoalwater Bay, which saw the Battalion conduct live firing advance, attack and defence activities.

8/9 RAR was selected to participate in a direct recruiting trial, which saw the unit raise a recruiting cell, and encourage Brisbane based civilians to join the Battalion. The campaign was a considerable success, and ninety recruits will join the unit in 1991.

B Company deployed to Butterworth, Malaysia, in September for a three month tour of duty at the air base. The tour was a mix of training and soaking up the culture of South East Asia.

A Beating of Retreat as held on 31 October to celebrate the birthday of the Battalion. The end of the year saw the change of Commanding Officers with LCol G.J. McKay, MC relinquishing command. LCol P.F. Leahy assumed command on 14 December 1990.

2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps A Year of Success

By Captain A.D. Jenkins, CD

As the Staff and Cadets of 2701 get the ball rolling for another active year, we look back over the previous year with memories of good times and a large sigh of relief that it's finally over.

The Corps started the 89/90 training year with a Junior Leaders Course for the NCOs. This course covered practical leadership, bivouac routine, compass use and how to be a good follower. In the end the NCOs became quite good at setting up and breaking bivouac. However, the most important thing they learned was that it's not an easy job to be a leader when the followers know, or think they know, as much as you do.

Following the NCO Ex, we participated in a Tag Day to help raise Corps funds, and followed it up two weeks later by running away with the Manitoba Army Cadet League's Sports Tabloid Award for first place. We finished off October with a combined Field Training Exercise with the Arty Corps in Kenora, Ontario.

Our Rappel Exercise was conducted very professionally by Sergeant Power and his gang from the Second Battalion. The Cadets progressed from ground training to rappelling off gradual slopes and, finally going off 175 foot cliffs. Rappelling was going great until 1300 hours when a snow storm blew in. By the time we got the site shut down, you couldn't see more than a 1/4 mile. Our Rappel Ex turned Winter Ex and provided the cadets with a whole new training experience. Tents were sagging from the heavy wet snow, stoves wouldn't work and fun was had by all.

After recovering from the Rappel Ex, the Corps got back into normal training. The Band, and/or the Drum Line were in high demand, doing at least two to three performances a month. Our Biathlon Team won the Provincial Race Offs and got a free trip to fun-filled CFB Petawawa. The Rifle Team in its usual modesty only won every Cadet shooting match in the Province except one (a token to the air element).



Cdt Remillard competing for top female ranking (1990 Biathlon Provincials Mb/NW Ont)



Cdt Remillard at the 1990 Manitoba Biathlon Competition



C/Cpl Orcutt, C/WO Laroche, C/Cpl Lavallee, C/Cpl McLeod, C/Cpl Tyler, C/Cpl Laroche, C/RSM Dziver and C/DM Lammers of the Drum Line.

Spring had us on the move to CFB Shilo with an Arty Corps for C1 Introduction. During this time, the Cadets got their fill of shooting, tours and sun-burns. This was followed up with another Field Ex covering the finer points of shelter building, hiking, compass use and just enjoying the great outdoors (according to the RSM).

Our Annual Inspection in June gave us the opportunity to strut our stuff in front of Colonel R.R. Crabbe, PPCLI. We were also fortunate enough to have guests from the PPCLI Association, the Royal United Services Institute, the Royal Canadian Legion, the RCMP, the Winnipeg Police Department and the Manitoba Army Cadet League. Our displays ranged widely and compromised almost all facets of Cadet activities including field-craft, Regimental and Corps history, first aid, Band, Rifle Team and map and compass.

In the end, the Unit had an outstanding year. Besides the performances of the Band, Rifle Team and Biathlon Team, the Corps overall did well. We won the PPCLI Association Trophy, the Commander's Award of Achievement (for placing first overall in Manitoba), the Thompson Award of Achievement; and covered a lot of successful hands-on training.

Lastly, we would like to thank 2 PPCLI for the help we've received during the year. They were able to supply us with both the materials and personnel we needed to make this a worthwhile year for the Cadets.



The Cadet Band.



C/MCpl Orcutt on rappel - Minaki, Ont.



*C/WO Tworek -
"What do you mean the tree's coming loose?"*

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SP22179	Alexanderson, Kenneth	Korea		16 Sep 90	Moose Jaw, Sask
SH4466	Adkin, John	WWII,Korea,RF	SSgt	13 Dec 89	Calgary, Alta
SC136203	Aimoe, Roy T	RF		02 May 90	Winnipeg, Man
	Anderson, H.B.	Korea,RF	Sgt	31 May 90	Calgary, Alta
	Basham, Lee W.	Korea,RF	Col	11 Sep 90	Richmond, BC F800546
	Borden, Robert W.	Korea	Pte	27 Feb 90	Maitland, NS
L36047	Bowen, Virgil A	WWII	Pte	04 Oct 90	Edmonton, Alta
	Carnegie, Thomas			20 Jul 90	Glaslyn, Sask
	Clibborn, Calvin J.	WWII		23 Jul 90	
SH4800	Chruchz, Eddie Z.	Korea	Pte	01 Sep 90	Lethbridge, Alta
F83517	Chanboiseuu, Joseph D.	WWII,Korea	Sgt	05 Nov 89	Sydney, NS
C850442	Chartrand, Roger	Korea	Pte	04 Dec 89	Nepean, Ont
H20040	Chomik, John	WWII	Pte	14 Sep 90	Winnipeg, Man
H29654957	Clyke, Merle E.	RF		09 Apr 90	Victoria, BC
SK102673	Coutleg, Owen F.	Korea	Pte	05 Mar 90	Merritt, BC
	Calverby, M.O.	WWII		02 Sep 90	
L86512	Campbell, Dougall W.	WWII	Pte	31 Jul 89	Chetwynd, BC
K63096	Campbell, William J.	WWII	Sgt	28 Jul 89	Calgary, Alta
SD801123	Cain, Everett W.	Korea	Pte	01 May	89 Springhill, NS
P20927	Crundall, Fred A.	WWII	NO2	19 Mar 90	Winnipeg, Man
A800395	Dodds, James	Korea	Pte	30 Jul 89	Cambridge, Ont
B801655	Donnelly, F.P.	Korea		10 Aug 89	Colborne, Ont
SH610080	Dyck, Nicholas	Reserve	Pte	24 Apr 90	Quill Lake, Sask
	Doig, David	Korea, RF		01 Jun 90	Lantzville, BC
	Ewonchuk, William	WWII		14 Sep 90	Winnipeg, Man
SK14688	Evans, George S.	WWII		Mar 90	Almstrong, BC
	Farnell, Chuck			29 Mar 90	Armstrong, BC
	Frank, Robert J.	WWII		09 Feb 90	Vavenby, BC
H16047	Fines, George A.	WWII	Pte	11 Jan 90	Winnipeg, Man
	Ferguson, Sidney R.			05 Mar 90	Kamloops, BC
L111093	Gardippe, Marcel	WWII	Pte	06 Feb 90	Calgary, Alta
	George, John H.B.	WWII		05 Jun 90	Regina, Sask
	Hildebrand, Ken	WWII	Pte	22 Dec 89	Coppercliff, Ont
SF800666	Hogan, James P.	Korea	Pte	17 Apr 90	Grafton, Ont
	Hobeth, Kenneth	WWII		18 Nov 89	Winnipeg, Man
H200113	Hersack, Thomas M.	WWII	Sgt	27 Sep 89	Brandon, Man
SM734	Horek, James	Korea	Pte	10 Sep 90	Calgary, Alta
M44862	Jeuning, Clifford J.	WWII,Korea	Pte	24 Aug 90	Vancouver, BC
K54742	Kazakoff, Fred	WWII		Jan 90	Kelowna, BC
SH5700	Kienas, Kenneth	RF	Pte	13 Apr 90	Bowser, BC
SH206896	Kunkel, Jack T.	RF	Pte		Prince Albert, Sask
SM108265	Krassman, Alex J.	RF	Pte	Jul 90	Medicine Hat, Alta
	Loney, Edward G.	Korea		01 Sep 89	Southampton, Eng
	Lazarko, William	WWII		13 Jul 90	Portage La Prairie, Sask
B285509	Lariviere, Fred L.	WWII,Korea	Sgt	29 Dec 89	Temiskaming, PQ
H17252	Leonard, R.J.	WWII		27 Jul 90	Winnipeg, Man
	Misner, Edward	WWII		26 Sep 90	
L18003	McKinnon, Allan	WWII	Maj	19 Sep 90	Victoria, BC
	McLeod, Ken	WWII,RF	Maj	11 Apr 90	Calgary, Alta
	McIntyre, Chester	WWII	08	Jun 90	Kelowna, BC
SP3165	Matthews, Henry	WWII,RF	Sgt	07 Sep 89	Indian Head, Sas
	Mazeroll, Joseph A	WWII,Korea,RF		16 Aug 89	Chatham, NB
H17134	McRae, Frank M.	WWII	Sgt	23 Jun 89	Port Moody, BC

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M104698	Mace, Reginald A.	WWII	Pte	18 Jul 90	Calgary, Alta
H16125	Milum, Gordon C.	WWI	Sgt	24 Jul 90	Golden, BC
H45467	Martin, Bennett	Korea	Pte	16 Aug 90	Nipigon, Ont
S137707	Morrison, Francis J.	WWII	Pte	04 Oct 90	Sault St. Marie, Ont
H12107	Nestie, Albert	WWII	Sgt	29 Sep 90	Winnipeg, Man
H30539	Nystrom, Helgi	WWII		08 Jul 90	Ingaceba, Ont
	Pearce, James S.			19 May 90	
	Pretzer, Daniel W.	WWII		11 Jan 90	Moose Jaw, Sask
SA1632	Panyi, Emil C.	Korea	Cpl	Apr 90	Chatham, Ont
H70576	Puhach, Michael	WWII	Pte	20 Mar 90	Brandon, Man
L21027	Pederson, Donald N.	WWII, Korea	Cp	14 Jun 90	Kerrabert, Sask
	Pearson, Donald			16 Dec 89	Maple Ridge, BC
	Prince, Robert D.	WWII	Maj	02 Aug 89	Thoruold, Ont
K57406	Paxton, Norman J.	WWII	Pte	18 Aug 90	Port Alberni, BC
	Roberts, William	WWII		18 Jul 90	Winnipeg, Man
SB10755	Robinson, Robert L.			15 Dec 89	Thunder Bay, Ont
SH759	Richards, Harvey		Pte	13 Jan 90	The Pas, Man
M16860	Raison, William J.	WWII	Pte	09 Mar 90	Edmonton, Alta
SL36616	Rohac, Edward	WWII, RF	Cpl	Apr 90 St.	Albert, Alta
	Rowley, Ronald C.	RF	Pte	Nov 89	Whiterock, BC
H82189	Robertson, Delmer R.	RF	Cpl	11 Oct 89	Morinville, Alta
V62447	Rankin, Murray B.	WWII, RF		02 Jul 89	Dryden, Ont
SH440	Russell, Osmond	Korea	Pte	21 Jul 90	Pointe Verte, NB
	Stefenson, Cliff	WWII		08 Sep 90	Winnipeg, Man
P21451	Shaw, Edward	WWII, Korea, RF	Capt	10 Apr 90	Surrey, BC
K69099	Smith, Robert S.	WWII, Korea		03 Jan 90	Poplar Point, NB
L155633	Schappert, Robert J.	WWII	Pte	06 Oct 89	Laugensburg, Sask
N80098	Squires, Russell W.	Korea	Pte	09 Aug 89	Stephenville, Nfld
SK14470	Sankow, Martin E.	Korea	Pte	Sep 90	Port Moody, BC
L134565	Schuh, Richard W.	RF		22 Aug 90	Medicine Hat, Alta
SK1436	Smilie, H.	Korea	Cpl	16 Jul 90	Flin Flon, Man
H30041	Swidinsky, Roman	WWII		15 Aug 90	Winnipeg, Man
H16639	Troche, Steven T.	WWII	Pte	22 Aug 90	Winnipeg, Man
K1883	Thomas, Glyn	WWII		09 Dec 89	Vernon, BC
H28996	Verstraete, Stanley G.	WWII	Pte	14 Mar 90	Red Deer, Alta
	Vaughan, Jimmy W.	WWI		17 Jan 90	Winnipeg, Man
2GH394	Whittaker, Robert D.	Korea	Lt	14 Jul 90	Fredericton, NB
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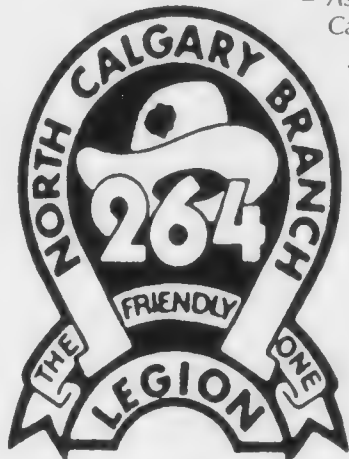
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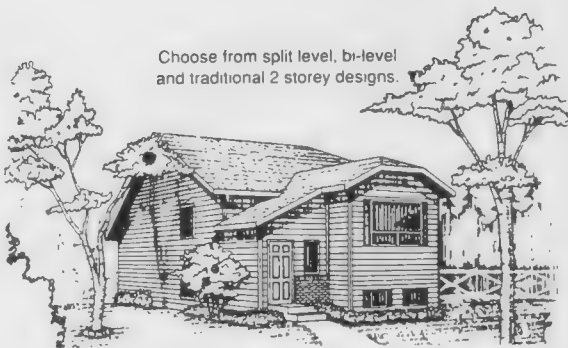
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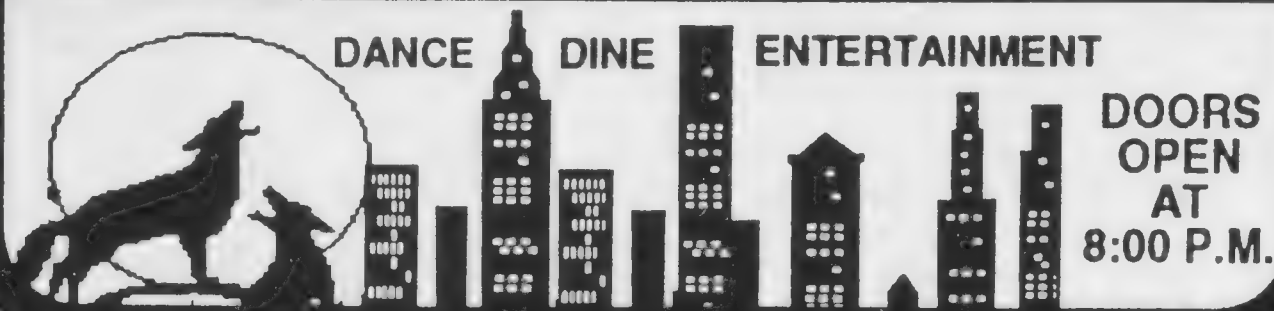
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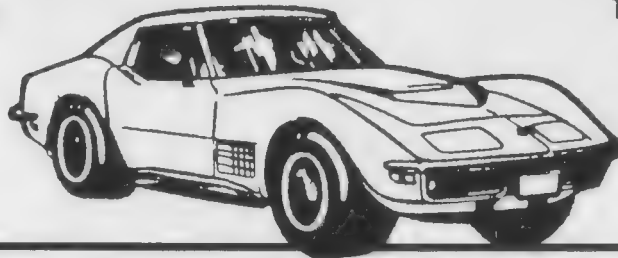
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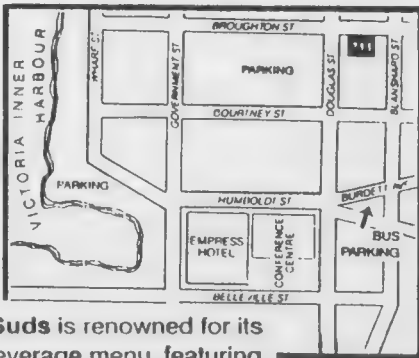
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